

Curriculum Committee Minutes January 24, 2020

Location: Brenham – BK136, Bryan – F205, RELLIS – WS290

Present:

(Bryan) Linda Richardson, Jay Anderson, Charles Smith, John Schaeffer, Janice Lapaglia, Max Hibbs, Kristine McCoy, and Dickie Jones

(Brenham) Alan Lehmann, Cyndi Klausmeyer, Elmer Godeny, Stan Kubicek, Debbi Vavra, Shelly Peacock, Todd Quinlan, Pat Westergaard, and Michelle Marburger,

(RELLIS) Michelle Trubenstein and Dr. Marcello Bussiki

Meeting Notes:

- The Meeting was called to order by Alan Lehmann
- Alan asked the committee to identify any errors or corrections that needed to be made to the minutes. Linda Richardson noted some minor corrections.
 - Elmer Godeny then moved that we approve the minutes as amended. Pat Westergaard seconded it. No further discussion was had. The minutes were approved.

Old Business

- PFPB 2408 was brought forward by Jay Anderson during our December meeting. It was tabled until this meeting while they decided upon an alternate course title so as not to have it conflicting with 2308. Jay Anderson shared that the course title was changed to Advanced Piping Maintenance and Materials.
 - Linda Richardson then moved that we approve PFPB with the new proposed title. Max Hibbs seconded it. No further discussion was had. The new course was approved.

New Business

- Max Hibbs shared as an FYI to the committee the new AS degree in Computer Information System. He said that this new degree program was established in collaboration with TAMU Commerce along with the degrees in Computer Science and Cyber Security. He explained that this new degree is more application rather than theory. He also stated that this degree is not math and science heavy like the Computer Science Field of Study. Due to the additional math and science requirement for that Field of Study, the Computer Science Field of Study is not CORE complete.
 - Linda Richardson asked for clarification on the Field of Study. Dr. Bussiki stated that while the 60 hours in the Field of Study might not be CORE complete, that a student may still be awarded an AAS degree.

- DANC 1112, 1151, 1201, 1241, 1245, 1247, 1301, 1305, 2151, 2241, 2247, and 2303. Shelly Peacock presented the new dance classes that will be needed for the new Dance degree. She shared that Blinn's team are 6-time World Champions in Dance and Cheer and that Blinn has one of the largest dance teams without a degree offered in Dance. This will provide an outlet for those students and provide additional offerings to students in Bryan. Many of the dance classes being proposed today are technique classes. There are some dance classes already being offered but they are in KINE and are meant to be recreational.
 - Linda Richardson asked the reason why DANC 1112 (Dance Practicum) was a co-requisite for the Spring offerings. She was interested in what was meant by "practicum". Shelly explained that this course was linked to a particular show or program that was put on by the College to put into practice the skills or techniques learned in the corresponding courses.
 - Dr. Bussiki asked about whether the program had been presented for approval by the Executive Council and the Board as there were potential budgetary considerations. He said that if not, we could not offer any that would impact the current budget.
 - Dr. Peacock said that the dance classes associated with KINE will initially cover any budgetary needs until the Spring of 2021 and that a request for a substantive change will be sent to George Gerardo (Director of IR&E) with the hope it will be approved when they (Is this SACS-COC?) vote in December. This will enable Blinn to have a full launch of the program in the Spring of 2021. If the courses and the program are approved by then then they can begin advertising and using it as a recruiting tool.
 - Dr. Bussiki said that can't do so until the substantive change is approved and then must state "Pending SACS-COC Approval".
 - Todd Quinlan made a motion to approve the new dance classes as a batch. Michelle Marburger seconded it. The motion was approved.
 - Todd Quinlan then made a motion to approve the new classes. Pat Westergaard seconded it. No further discussion was had. The new courses were approved.
 - Shelly added a final FYI. That is that an AA Dance option for performance and teaching is already offered at many Community Colleges and Universities. She noted that Blinn already has a facility. She also closed by saying that the substantive change will be submitted for all campuses. The projected enrollment for the first year is 20-30 and hopefully within five years they could have up to 100 students.
 - Jay Andersen asked if Sealy and Schulenburg would have this option. Shelly replied no that there was not enough enrollment.

Other Business

- Todd Quinlan asked if we could move our next meeting to 2:30pm because there would not be an IVC room available at RELLIS until then. There is a CRJ class being held in that room from 12-1:15pm and there will be a Division Leadership Council meeting held right afterward. As he is president of the council he assured he would wrap up the meeting by 2:20pm so that it would be free at 2:30pm.

- It was then noted that by the 21st (the 3rd Friday) we may still not have HECC Boards decision on the Fields of Study. If we waited until the 4th Friday that perhaps the new Fields of Studies would be approved by then and programs could then put forward the new classes for approval so that they could be in place for the Fall.
 - Elmer Godeny noted his concern about the courses having to be in Banner soon. Registration goes live for new students on March 30th.
- Alan then asked if perhaps we should move our meeting to February 28th. Todd then commented that if we moved our meeting to that Friday there would be no conflict with the IVC room at RELLIS and the meeting could be held at the normal time, 1:30pm.
 - Alan then stated our meeting would be on Friday February 28th at 1:30pm. Proposals should be in by the 14th and he would have them sent out by the 21st.
- Dr. Bussiki as a final note expressed his concern that the Dance Program FYI was not on the agenda. His concern was that this would not leave a paper trail that this items was shared with the committee.
 - Todd Quinlan then made a motion that the agenda for the January meeting be amended to include the FYI on the Dance Program. Debbi Vavra seconded it. No discussion was had. The motion was approved.

Adjournment

- Linda Richardson moved that we adjourn. Max Hibbs seconded it. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Linda R. Richardson, Secretary and PNS Faculty Representative