

ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

September 18, 2009

Minutes

Present: Jerry Moller, Bob Austin, Diane Brice, Carol Buse, Toni Gray, David Hernandez, Judy Jackman, Judy Johnson, Courtney Milleson, Carol Moore, Terry Moore, John Robertson, Carol Summers, Henry Wyckoff

Absent: LaVon Barrett, Danita McAnally, Jason Norman, Jack Stanley

Austin moved, Jackman seconded to approve the 9/4/09 minutes. The motion carried.

ALLIED HEALTH

Radiography

Due to changes/corrections in the instruction method of several Radiography courses, the following changes to the Radiography program were submitted:

- Delete RADR 1311: Basic Radiography Procedures and replace it with RADR 1411: Basic Radiography Procedures
- Delete RADR 2301: Intermediate Radiographic Procedures and replace it with RADR 2401: Intermediate Radiographic Procedures
- Change RADR 1313: Principles of Radiographic Imaging I from (3 sem hrs; 3 lec, 2 lab) to (3 sem hrs; 2 lec, 3 lab)
- Change RADR 2305: Principles of Radiographic Imaging II from (3 sem hrs; 3 lec, 2 lab) to (3 sem hrs, 2 lec, 3 lab)
- Change RADR 2233: Advanced Medical Imaging from (3 sem hrs; 2 lec, 2 lab) to (3 sem hrs; 2 lec, 1 lab)
- Delete HITT 1301: Medical Terminology I from the curriculum
- Add the statement “or any speech*” to the Speech requirement
- Decrease the number of hours for the degree from 72 to 71 semester hours

T. Moore moved, seconded by Hernandez to approve submitted changes to the Radiography curriculum. The motion carried.

BEHAVIORAL STUDIES

Religion

Frank Bellizzi submitted a request to add two Hebrew courses to the Amarillo College course inventory. He received letters of articulation from both Abilene Christian University and Lubbock Christian University that the courses will transfer in as comparable religion courses. The courses are not eligible for funding through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. The courses requested are:

RELG 2311: Biblical Hebrew I

An introduction to Biblical Hebrew. Students will master the “aleph-bet”, build

vocabulary, learn the fundamentals of classical Hebrew grammar and begin reading narrative prose (stories) in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament.
(3 sem hrs; 3 lec)

RELG 2312: Biblical Hebrew II

A continuation of RELG 2311. Based on skill acquired in the first course, students will continue to build vocabulary, learn the fundamentals of classical Hebrew grammar and read narrative prose (stories) in the Hebrew Bible/Old Testament.
(3 sem hrs; 3 lec)

Hernandez moved, seconded by Wyckoff to add the Hebrew courses to the Amarillo College course inventory. Austin opposed. The motion carried.

Second Degrees

Moller presented to the Committee information regarding second degrees. Some universities (including WTAMU) no longer cap the number of hours that can transfer in from a community college. WT now requires 39 semester hours in residence with no limit on community college transfer hours.

Austin described a “bridge” program available at many institutions over the past 5-10 years. Proprietary schools, in particular, have adopted an approach to accept “bridge courses” to allow students to complete courses at the community college level and meet a minimum number of courses at the receiving institution.

Moller stressed there is no recommendation that the Committee make any decision at this time, but needs to be aware of the changes in the education community that could benefit AC students in the future. There are issues that need to be addressed by both Financial Aid and the Veterans program.

Jackman expressed concern that some students are required to take courses taught at a sophomore level for an AC degree, but the same course is taught at a junior level at the receiving institution. Therefore, the courses transfer as an elective.

Brice expressed concern that there is a difference between a second degree and an enhanced degree.