

**ACADEMIC AFFAIRS COMMITTEE**  
**February 3, 2006**

**Members**

**Present:** Paul Matney, Bob Austin, Mike Bellah, Toni Brasher, Judy Johnson, Michael Kopenits, Bob Lee, Mary Clare Munger, Jim Powell, Rathna Prabakar, Bob Sloger, Lyndi Shadbolt, John Smoot, and Mark Usnick

**Members**

**Absent:** Diane Brice, Vicky Taylor-Gore

**ALLIED HEALTH DIVISION**

**Emergency Medical Services Professions**

Request was to add EMSP 2458 (EMSP 2058): Critical Care Paramedic. Smoot said the course prepares students for an advanced certificate in Critical Care Emergency Medical Transport. It is the highest level of training for this field. The closest other offering of this course is in Portales NM.

Doug Adcock is certified to teach the course. He attended training at the University of Baltimore and the course follows their curriculum. A per student fee will be paid to the University. With the rural environment of this area, there is a high demand for this training.

*(Note: After the meeting the request was revised to offer the course as 4 sem hrs; 4 lec, 1 lab total 80 contact hours.)*

Bellah moved, seconded by Powell, to approve the request as submitted. The motion carried.

**INDUSTRIAL AND TRANSPORTATION TECHNOLOGIES DIVISION**

**Welding**

The request is to change the lec/lab hours for WLDG 1491 in order to bring it into WECM compliance. Currently the course is offered as 2 lec, 6 lab (which is more than the allowed contact hour range). The request is to change it to 3 lec, 4 lab for a total of 112 contact hours – the maximum allowed for the course.

Austin moved, seconded by Kopenits, to approve the request. The motion carried.

**NURSING DIVISION**

**Vocational Nursing**

Shadbolt noted that the Vocational Nursing program recently went through a Board of Nurse Examiners (BNE) visit. The requests reflect additional contact hours requested by the BNE. Shadbolt reviewed the changes in the introductory

statement, curriculum, and courses. She noted that the requests includes several corequisites and prerequisites.

Course changes were:

- VNSG 1323 to VNSG 1423
- VNSG 1400 to VNSG 1500
- VNSG 1236 to VNSG 1138
- VNSG 1360 to VNSG 1260
- VNSG 2431 to VNSG 1410

The requests also includes revisions in the accreditation listing, fee schedule, and an increase in the Level I course fee from \$27 to \$33 and Level II course fee from \$13 to \$15.

Kopenits noted that it might be helpful if students taking BIOL and planning on a nursing or allied health major be aware of the background check requirements. Shadbolt said they should discuss such.

Kopenits moved, seconded by Lee, to approve the request as submitted. The motion carried.

## **SCIENCES & ENGINEERING DIVISION**

### **Biological Sciences**

Kopenits noted that the requests are basically housekeeping changes.

Biology – Correct advisor and narrative of the recommended courses.

Biotechnology – Correct advisors, change general education math requirement to MATH 1314, change recommended courses to 7-8 hours, and revise the course choice list.

Course descriptions:

- BIOL 1406 - Change prerequisite and minor description change
- BIOL 1108, BIOL 1308, BIOL 1407 - Minor descriptions changes

Kopenits noted that they have been working with the dual credit high school classes to insure quality control of a college-level course.

Sloger moved, seconded by Powell, to approve the requests. The motion carried.

## **PRERQUISITES/COREQUISITES**

Munger moved, seconded by Powell, to approve the revised pre/corequisites as indicated on the list.

The motion carried.

### **Dr Sybert**

Matney asked for reaction to Dr. Sybert's presentation. The members believed Dr. Sybert presented the material in a positive manner. Matney noted that he had received a call from a long-time faculty member stating that Dr. Sybert's presentation was the best professional activity he had ever attended at Amarillo College.

### **WTAMU/AC**

Matney said there had recently been a "clear the air" meeting between WTAMU and AC. Dr. Chapman, the new provost, stated to Matney that he believes in community colleges and wants to support them. They have started creating degree equivalencies between AC and WTAMU programs and are putting such on the WTAMU website. Matney said they are also discussing combined field trips and possible faculty exchanges.

### **AMERICAN SIGN LANGUAGE**

Matney has been approached to investigate offering an American Sign Language (ASL) program at AC. State requirements have been revised and will require interpreters have an associate degree by 2010 and a bachelor's degree by 2014. The degree does not have to be in American Sign Language, but interpreters must have ASL skills therefore a program would be beneficial.

### **E-LEARNING CENTER**

Matney complimented Sloger and the E-Learning staff on the smooth transition of the center. There is a good working relationship between the E-Learning Center and Information Systems and Technology. Linda Hendricks is doing a great job and Brenda Davidson is getting settled in and doing a good job.