
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

OCTOBER 26TH, 2018

Members Present: Isaac Bernal, Mark Rowh, Michael Kitten, Collin Witherspoon, Becky Burton, Michael Hart, Eric Fauss, Dennis Sarine, Linda Munoz, Kelly Steelman, Toni Gray, Ernesto Olmos, Victoria Taylor-Gore, Stefanie Decker, David Hall, Claudia Biggers, Tina Babb, Michelle Orcutt, Penelope Davies, Edie Carter, Diane Brice, Margie Netherton, Sandra Brannan, Carol Buse, Daniel Esquivel, Frank Sobey

1. CC minutes for 10.11.18 – Minutes were approved.
2. Medical Laboratory Technology – A petition was reviewed for updating the program description to include the Phlebotomy prerequisite for the MLT program, which had previously been approved last year in Curriculum Committee. Additionally, the program director proposed that students must earn a C or higher in all MLT courses. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all. Other petitions reviewed were to remove all co-requisites and prerequisites from the MLT courses, as well as change the lec/lab hours for MLAB 2431, 2401, & 1231 to 2/5, 3/3, & 1/3, respectively. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.
3. Biology – A petition for a new Biotechnology degree was presented. The degree was written into the HSI-STEM (greenhouse) grant. It requires the addition of two new Biotech courses, 1411 & 1412. Concerns were raised about the previous Biotech degree that went away in 2014 due to low enrollment. The previous degree, however, was not tied to a grant, nor did instructors in the program have the greenhouse to utilize for project-based learning. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all but one committee member.
4. Data Science – The DASC.AS was tabled for the following reasons: missing Creative Arts core requirement in GenEd core, issues with course sequencing, and concerns about the additional hours over 60. Committee members wondered, as well, about a possible Field of Study the proposed degree might fit into, but no such FoS currently exists for Data Science. The petition has since been revised and will be presented on 11.9.18.
5. MEPS – Petitions for the addition of two integrated lec/lab CHEM courses were presented. It was noted that CHEM 1411 & 1412 would be more highly regarded by Nursing programs. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.
6. The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.