
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

DECEMBER 13TH, 2019

Members Present: David Hall, Walt Webb, Tina Babb, Mark Nair, Melodie Graves, Renee Vincent, Daniel Esquivel, Eric Fauss, Mandi Wheeler, Penelope Davies, Carol Buse, Carol Summers, Kim Crowley, Linda Munoz, Edie Carter, Lesley Ingham, Michael Hart, Richard Hobbs, Toni Gray, Collin Witherspoon, Becky Easton, Sandy Brannan, and Frank Sobey.

1. CC minutes for 11.22.19 – The minutes were approved without comments or concerns.
2. Consent Agenda – All items on the consent agenda were approved without comments or concerns.
3. VFX Program – President Lowery-Hart provided background information on the VFX program, as well as the need for it to create a new industry in Amarillo and utilize the Innovation Hub. Questions were asked about facilities, faculty, and funding, as well as the goals of the program, which is technology based. The curriculum was presented. Questions were asked about the capstone projects in the embedded Level 1 year-long certificate and the AAS degree, as well as the general education core classes (15 hours), specifically the Introduction to Mass Comm course. While there were numerous questions, concerns were minimal, and the committee was supportive. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.
4. Construction Trades Program – The new program was presented in terms of addressing local industry concerns that the labor force is in dire need of construction trade workers. The authors of the petition indicated that embedded certificates would be presented at the next curriculum meeting. No concerns were voiced. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.
5. Health Sciences – The Health Sciences Academy program was presented with the caveat that some elements may change based on our partnership with WTAMU. However, the program was presented as a way to minimize the number of students who are unable to enter one of the many HS programs at AC, due to limited capacity, and thus provide them with seamless transfer options to WTAMU. No concerns were voiced. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.
6. CIS – CETT.AS and COSC.CERT revision and new courses were presented. Two courses currently in the programs were essentially acting as placeholders, so two new courses were

proposed for inclusion to more accurately reflect the work and learning outcomes needed in the programs of study. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.

7. ENGL.AA – Two new courses from the ACGM were proposed to be added to the inventory because they are included in WTAMU's four-year English degree. The majority of AC's English majors transfer to WTAMU, so the two new courses would ensure seamless transfer. A motion was made, seconded, and approved by all.