

Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes  
December 2, 2008  
LRC-201

Present: Sonja Barnes, Ann Clark, LuAnn Fisher, Judy Gerhart, Sean Maher, Mike Martin, Bo Myers, Jim Niessner, Judy Oleks, Marlys Palmer and Judy Peisen. Missing: Frances Cade.  
Guests: Joan Johnson, Mike Harsh, Tom Clemens and Bomber.

The Committee members received two documents pertaining to General Education. The General Education Outcomes document is a matrix of outcomes for each of the General Education area produced in November 2003. The second document is a Course Proposal Form for General Education Curriculum.

Agenda Item #2 – Proposal to add HUM/HIS 208 to the General Education Course list

Joan Johnson presented the rationale for this proposal with support from Mike Harsh and Tom Clemens, faculty for these courses. There is a need for more Humanities General Education courses. The pressure on the ART-101 and MUS-101 courses to fulfill the Humanities Gen Ed Requirement is great. The HIS/HUM 208 course is delivered in the Spring meeting Friday mornings for three hours. Concerns about transferability and students taking the course once as HIS-208 and a second time at HUM-208 were addressed by the faculty present. It has happened a few times in the past where a student has taken both of the courses (different semesters) and received six credits. This should not happen. Tom raised the issue of students who are not working on a degree (adult) who take the course repeatedly should be allowed to do so. The transferability of the course as a Gen-Ed is addressed in the COMAR regulations in the back of the Catalog and should not be a problem within Maryland. Could the prerequisite be changed from ENG-100 to ENG-099 since the outcomes of ENG-099 have been changed? The instructors were agreeable to the pre-requisite change for the next catalog.

Agenda Item #1 – Proposal from the TCS division to change pre-requisites on INT courses.

Margaret Spivey, Director of TCS division submitted forms on the proposed pre-requisite changes for the following courses: INT-102, INT-105, INT-106 and INT-107. The committee discussed each of the course changes. INT-102 will now have the following as a pre-requisite: IST-100 or IST-102. The current pre-requisite of IST-100 was not allowing students who had taken IST-102 to enroll in the class. INT-105, Plumbing and Pipefitting, will have the IST-102 pre-requisite removed since computer literacy is not vital for success in this course. INT-106, Welding, will have the IST-102 pre-requisite removed since computer literacy is not vital for success in this course. The materials submitted for the INT-107, Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration (HVAC/R) was unclear as to why the pre-requisite change. The committee would like to have Margaret Spivey at the next meeting to clarify the requested change. The pre-requisite change for INT-102, INT-105 and INT-106 were approved by the Committee. INT-107 will remain as an open item.

Agenda Item #3 – Discussion of the changes to BIO-099 course.

Dr. Peisen informed the Committee of the pending changes to the BIO-099 course – move from developmental to “for credit course”. No formal paperwork has been submitted to the committee. General discussion about this course modification, could this be a course for Essence

students, what is the need for this course, would the new course be a Gen Ed course for Science? Tabled until the next meeting in January. Dr. Peisen will also be presenting some changes to the Pharmacy Tech courses at the next meeting.

Dr. Oleks stated the Paramedic changes and the RAD proposal will be on the agenda for the January meeting.