**BLINN COLLEGE**

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**DATE:** February 21, 2015

**PLACE:** Bryan (E205B), Brenham (BULL 136), Sealy (110), and Schulenburg (110)

**PRESENT:** Amy Winningham, Brandy Ermis, Michelle Marburger, Linda Flynn, Yvetter Janecek, Debbi Vavra, Todd Quinlan, Mary Barnes-Tilley, John Ferreira, Robert Stanberry, Linda Bow, Smiley Flores, John Schaffer, Britney Hibbeler, Nathan Krueger, Craig Jeffrey, Katherine Wickes, Karen Buck, Shelley Peacock, Abby Baumgardner, Lee Don Bienski, Jennifer Garcia, Brandy Scholze, and Brandon Franke.

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| **AGENDA** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS** |
| I. Call to Order | 1. Called to order at 1:30 pm by Brandon Franke.  2. Franke asked the committee to review the minutes from the previous meeting. | 1. Sign-in list of attendees was passed around.  2. Todd Quinlan made a motion to approve the minutes. John Schaffer seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. |
| II. Old/Unfinished Business | None |  |
| III. New Business | 1. Health Science  2. Health Science, cont.  3. Humanities  4. QEP, EDUC 0100  5. Social Science  6. BAK | 1. Michelle Marburger presented the following changes, as mandated by the state: increase gerontology class to a 2-hour class (was a 1-hour class), which will increase the number of semester hours by 1 hour. VNSG 1136 will be offered each spring semester. In addition, the maternal/neonatal class will be decreased by 1 hour. Michelle noted that there is a range of total hours, so this is acceptable. VNSG 1330 will change to VNSG 1230. The contact hours for VNSG 1361 will be changed from 416 to 400.  Debbi Vavra made a motion to approve. Katherine Wickes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.  2. John Ferreira presented the changes to BITC classes in order to comply with academic need. The program curriculum is 60 hours. Numbers 8-14 on the agenda are special topics courses. BITC 1191—revise SLOs to be consistent and more measurable. BITC 2475—new course offered by TIEKS. BITC 2431—adjust prerequisites. BITC 1371 and 2377—change number and move to second semester. BITC 2471 and 1472—change sequence. Smiley Flores explained that BITC 2475 will not be taught for another year.  Craig Jeffrey made a motion to approve. John Schaffer seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.  3. John Schaffer presented changes to CDEC 2367 and CDEC 2366. The courses will change the way in which hours are reported. The curriculum has not changed.  Mary Barnes-Tilley made a motion to approve. Abby Baumgardner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.  4. Mary Barnes-Tilley presented the success course as part of the college’s QEP. Two 3-hour academic courses will be linked with this 1-hour success course. EDUC 0100 is not a stand-alone course; it must be linked to the two 3-hour academic courses. Faculty and staff at Blinn College are trained to teach this course and a committee has created a sample syllabi. This is a non-credit course. Internal policy for the course: the instructor must be trained before he/she is allowed to teach the course. Karen Buck asked if this is a non-transferable credit course. Mary said yes, the course is for credit, but it will not transfer to another institution.  Debbi Vavra made a motion to approve. Abby Baumgardner seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.  5. Robert Stanberry presented the changes to the LGLA and CRIJ classes listed on the agenda. Consistency will be added to the prerequisites for the classes. Students must pass READ 0304 in order to enroll in LGLA 2313, 2303, 1345, 1353, 2307, 1355, 1307, 1351, and 1303, and CRIJ 1310, 1307, 1301, 1306, and 1313. A student must have a minimum reading standard before he/she can enroll in these courses.  Todd Quinlan made a motion to approve. Katherine Wickes seconded the motion. Approved unanimously.  6. ITSW 1307, POFT 2386, BMGT 2388 were presented as an FYI. Courses are decreasing contact hours. Will have a total of 60 contact hours now, as mandated by the state.  Nathan Krueger made a motion to approve. Mary Barnes-Tilley seconded the motion. Approved unanimously. |
| IV. Announcements | 1. Chair Elect for 2015-2016 term | 1. This is a 2-year term. The committee will vote in April. There are no qualifications for this position. The rotation of the chair from Brenham to Bryan, and back again is no longer expected. |
| V. Next Meeting | Next meeting is scheduled for Friday, March 27, 2015 at 1:30 p.m. | Brandon Franke adjourned the meeting at 1:55 pm. |

Respectfully Submitted,

Amy Winningham, Assistant Dean for Humanities