**BLINN COLLEGE**

**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE**

**DATE: September 20, 2013**

**PLACE: E205A, Bullock 120, & Sealy, Schulenburg**

**PRESENT:**

Sophia Polk (Guidance & Counseling), Ron Hammond (Math), John Beaver (Academic Affairs), Linda Richardson (Natural Science), Karen May (Business), Blanche Brick (Social Sciences), Eric Miller (Social Sciences), David Corkran (Health & Kinesiology), Joe Baumann (IEEM), Jim Jarrell (Business), Irma Valdez (Humanities), Terry Honan (Natural Science), Dwight Bohlmeyer (Natural Science), Lee Don Bienski (Natural Science), John Schaffer (Humanities), Linda Bow (Humanities), Katherine Wickes (Social Sciences), Brandon Franke (Social Sciences), Mark Workman (Distance Learning), Robert D. Stanberry (Business, Information, & Public Service), Britney Hibbeler (Fine Arts); Robert Lovelidge (Director of Advising/Counseling, Brenham), Thomas Born (ADC, Social Science, Brenham), Debbi Vavra (Interim DC, Fine Arts, Brenham), Jaime Schroeder (ADC, Business, Information Technology, & Public Service, Brenham), Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley (DC, Social Science, Brenham), Linda Flynn (Director of Library Services), Dr. Ken French (DC, Natural Science, Brenham), Kelly Kissane (Natural Science, Brenham), Randal Hoppens (DC, Math & Engineering, Brenham), Rick Church, (DC, Health & Kinesiology, Brenham), Greg Phillips (ADC, Natural Science), Jill Stewart (Interim ADC Fine Arts), Carrie Coston (ADC Social Sciences Brenham), Joel Plaag (Guest), Kara Kleimann (Social Science, Schulenburg)

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| **AGENDA** | **DISCUSSION** | **RECOMMENDATIONS/CONCLUSIONS** |
| I. Call to Order & Minutes | Meeting called to order at 1:30 pm by Dr. Marcelo Bussiki, Chair.  Minutes of April 19, 2013 meeting sent out earlier and approved | Motion by Ron Hammond  2nd by Randy Hopkins  Approved unanimously |
| II. New Business | A. Proposal for new courses: DRAM 1161, 1162; the cross listed courses has not been included in the catalog; Presented by Joe Plaag  B. Proposal for new courses: MUSC 1157, 1158; these courses would be offered simultaneously and taken in the fall; would be a good opportunity for those seeking a degree in Voice to start learning opera works; Presented by Joe Plaag  C. Course change proposals: MUSC 1159, 2159; proposal to change the number of contact hours from four to three for consistency in ensemble courses; Presented by Joe Plaag  D. Course change proposals: MUSC 1154, 1155, 2154, 2155; the catalog says “section 1” and the proposal would remove that for consistency  E. Electronic Voting Procedure  Presented by Marcelo Bussiki; the procedure for electronic voting is unclear and Dr. Bussiki asked that this issue be addressed; Ron Hammond said he thought the electronic voting procedure has been included in the by-laws; Dr. Bussiki and Mr. Hammond will discuss this issue further.  F. Announcements from Dr. Beaver  1. ECON 2301 and 2309 are taught in the dual credit courses but are not in the core; Dr. Bussiki asked for them to be included; the committee voted and approved electronically.  2. Linda Richardson asked if the courses to be included in the core have been presented and approved because this was not clear; Dr. Bussiki responded that this would be sent to the Coordinating Board in November. Linda Richardson also asked about the categories, and Dr. Beaver said that they core needs to be finalized and that a committee will be formed consisting of people from each division  3. Dr. Beaver said that Dr. Workman mentioned that there is a statement in our syllabi regarding electronic devices; this current policy says they are not allowed; Dr. Beaver asked if the committee might want to add to the wording of this by including “unless otherwise instructed” for those faculty who use electronic devices to enhance student engagement in the classroom  4. Linda Richardson said that the core statement in the MCS needs to be modified; Dr. Bussiki suggested that a committee be formed to revise the statement; Dr. Bussiki said the changes could wait a few weeks so that the new VPAA could have a say on the matter | A. Motion: Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley  2nd by Jill Stewart  Approved unanimously  B. Motion by Linda Flynn  2nd by Ron Hammond  Approved unanimously  C. Motion by Dwight Bohlmeyer  2nd by Deborah Vavra  Approved unanimously  D. Motion by Dr. Blanche Brick  2nd by Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley  3. Motion by Dr. Blanche Brick  2nd by Karen May  Approved unanimously  4. Item was tabled. |
| III. Meeting Adjourned | Meeting adjourned at 2:15 pm. | Motion by Randy Hoppens  2nd by Greg Phillips  Approved unanimously |

**Submitted by Britney Hibbeler for M. Elia Flores**