

Academic Policy Committee

Unapproved Minutes on September 16th (2 PM, IC 119)

September 16, 2015, 2:00 PM, IC 119

Members present: Marlin Adams, Bernie Anderson, Darren Broome, Cindy Casebeer, Christy Flatt, Jeffery Knighton, Michael Mahan, Tony Pearson, Anne Purvis, Stephen Raynie, Lynn Rumfelt, Brenda Rutherford.

Members absent: Kris Beck, Melvin Seale, Lynn Rumfelt

Guests: Greg Hartman, Cathy Lee, and Mustapha Durojaiye

Meeting started at 2 P.M. with quorum of members present.

1. Approval of minutes
2. Discussion on reverse transfer agreement with the University of West Georgia
The committee considered the number of hours eligible for transfer agreement between GSC and UWG. We started the discussion at 45 hours and debated the pros and cons ranging from 15 - 45 hours. Discussion included that 15 hours was too few and may not pass SACS and 45 hours was on high side. The committee settled on 24 hours, because a student could take two semesters of 12 hours. The motion passed with no objections.
3. New program proposal form
Laura Shadrack prepared a form that will be located on the Academic Affairs website and will formalize the system of program changes by getting away from the current practice of writing memos. Approval passed without objections.

4. Proposal for new course Arts 2221

Proposal submitted to change the black and white photography class to Digital Photography. Technology and student interest has shifted away from black and white photography and students are no longer enrolling in the course. Questions were raised on how the course would fit into Area F, and the discussion was tabled.

5. Proposal to change Biology 2210 and 2211

The Biology faculty present led the discussion on the pros and cons of reducing lab hours from three to two. No one was sure why lab hours were set at three hours. Biology faculty said that three hours of lab time was not necessary for students to learn the material and the reduction in lab hours would not impact passage rate on the NCLEX. The committee decided to defer to the Biologists, and the motion passed without objections.

4. Proposals for new courses in Nursing:

All persons on the committee agreed to combine all of the proposals. The courses represent a standard curriculum extending the program from four semesters to five semesters. The new curriculum will reduce the course load of students resulting in a positive impact on learning, exams, and accreditation. The new curriculum would start in fall 2016 with about 50 students. Additional adjunct faculty maybe hired to cover clinicals. The motion passed with no objections.

5. Meeting adjourned at 2:40 P.M.

Dr. Christy Flatt, Substitute Recorder