Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes 02-20-24

Attending

Dean Pearcy

Brenda Pennington

Tricia Moore

Darrell Frost

Steve McClaren

Sherri Martin- Co-Chair

Cara Beth Johnson

Diana Watkins

Bart Allen

Mara Head

Vickie Crouch

Nikole Hicks

Tiffany Meacham- Chair

Discuss approval of new courses and change to curriculum in Nursing, Language Arts, and Ag Bio Science

Dean Pearcy- presented the Podcasting Production as a new course for Language Arts. Allow for the expansion of Podcast as its own course to give students time to learn. Is presented as a recommended elective and replaces outdated courses in the program. The course was approved pending changes in the learning outcomes with wording that is more measurable and adding a learning outcome that reflects the Survey of the history and development in the course description.

Tricia Moore- Presented the Geospatial Technology for Natural Resources course. It would be a 3 hr class that included a lab and will be able to transfer to OSU. Help students learn GPS technology on new farming equipment. This will be a required course for the Precision Agriculture Degree program developed under the Nasanti grant. Course was approved pending changes to syllabus using more measurable terms.

Nikole Hicks- presented program changes to nursing adding in a prerequisite semester that would include a new course called Intro to Nursing. This will change the program from 4 semesters to 5 semesters. The purpose is to improve student achievement by creating a foundation for success in nursing program. The course will be an elective course in Fall 24 and Spring 25 but then will become a requirement in Fall 25. It will replace Freshmen orientation as it will be a combination of freshmen orientation and a course that will acquaint students with the field of nursing. It will introduce all prospective students to what being a nurse means to help students determine if nursing is the right field for them or not. Future goal is to offer as a concurrent class to high school. Course was approved by committee.

Meeting was ended with the understanding that we would not meet again until Fall unless emergency approval for curriculum arises.