

MEETING OF THE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE
3:00 P.M., August 25, 2016
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Dr. Greg Holland called meeting to order at 3:06 P.M. after a quorum was reached.

Voting Members in Attendance: Dr. Steven Shore, Ms. Ruth Charnay, Dr. Haining Chen, Ms. Stephanie Wallace, Mr. Jeremy Fineman, Ms. Tamala Zolicoffer, Dr. Jennifer Allen, Ms. Lisa Buckelew, Mr. Ron Staton, Dr. Michelle Cole, Mr. Ron Feller, Ms. Julie Rice-Rollins, Ms. Deborah Myers, and Mr. Stephen Morrow

Absent Voting Members: Ms. Jennifer Peters, Ms. Carlotta Hill, Ms. Jill Hibblen, Ms. Shanda Scruggs

Non-voting Members in Attendance: Dr. Greg Holland, Ms. Catherine Kinyon

Absent Ex-Officio Members: Mr. Greg Gardner, Dr. Lisa Fisher, Ms. Sonya Gore, Ms. Rachel Butler

Others in Attendance: Ms. Jennifer Ball

Welcome New Members

Approval of Minutes: The amended minutes were approved by silent assent.

General Education Update: No updates

Non-Substantive Changes: No updates

Curriculum Proposals:

1. Associate in Applied Science in Emergency Medical Sciences-program application change

The Emergency Medical Science Program Faculty propose to make changes to the initial application. There was an issue with the GPA requirements. Very few of the individuals had enough college credit to fulfill this requirement. In lieu of a GPA requirement, the program would use the minimum grade of C in Anatomy and Physiology as a determining factor. The program will now accept applications throughout the year.

In addition, all applicants will be required to take a Paramedic entrance exam through FISDAP. The FISDAP exam covers a variety of areas which includes, math, reading comprehension, EMT knowledge while also providing a personality assessment derived from the M5-50 personality inventory. The three areas of this inventory (specifically "agreeableness," "conscientiousness," and "neuroticism") have been used to identify ideal paramedic students. The FISDAP exam results will be utilized by the EMS staff and faculty to identify student weakness so that we can assist students in developing those areas and referring students to student support services as needed. FISDAP results do not determine admission into the program.

Motion to approve the modifications to the Emergency Medical Sciences program application was made by Ms. Tamala Zolicoffer and seconded by Dr. Steven Shore.

For; 12 Against; 0 Motion carried

2. Associate in Applied Science in Physical Therapy Assistant-program application change

The Physical Therapy Assistant Program Faculty propose the following changes:

We propose to allow students to demonstrate math competency with comparable ACT math scores for out of state students (test must be within 5 years), and instructions how to get access to CMP IV exams for out of state students.

Another concern is that preference points associated with courses not required within our curriculum provides students with a concern about taking additional courses. The second proposed change will impact the number of maximum preference points and where they are earned:

- Maximum of two science classes (Preferably BIO 1314 and BIO 1414 since they are required for the AAS in PTA degree) earning an A=2 points, B=1 point
 - This point calculation is more in line with nursing application and makes it easier for admissions/advising staff.
- Maximum of one math class (preferably College Algebra or Intro to Stats) A=2 points, B=1 point
 - Although not required for the degree, the PTA Advisory Committee and faculty strongly recommended keeping one math for transfer credit to 4 year institution and to ensure math skills.
- Medical Terminology A=2 points, B=1 point
 - Although not required, the PTA Advisory Committee strongly recommended this course be recommended for preference points.

Max points in this category is 8 (previously was 6)

These changes reduce the "perceived need" to take 4 classes not required by the degree to 2.

This will increase our max preference points to 21.

Motion to approve the modifications to the Physical Therapy Assistant program application was made by Dr. Jennifer Allen and seconded by Ms. Tamala Zolicoffer.

For; 12 Against; 0 Motion carried

Meeting adjourned at 3:22 P.M.