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Curriculum Committee (21-22) Meeting Minutes:

	4/8/2022	Zoom
Members Present	Dianne Hilliard, Lauren Stevens, Geri Pope, Winnie Kortemeier, Amy Ghilieri	
Members Missing	Kyle Dalpe, Niki Gladys, Matt Anderson, Scott Morrison, Terry Mendez, Dave Riske	
Guests	Robin Eppard	
Agenda items for next meeting		
Agenda Topic	Minutes for February 11, 2022 and March 16, 2022 (email vote)	
Action Taken	Minutes tabled per low attendance.	
Summary of Discussion		
Assignments/ Potential Agenda Items		
Agenda Topic	Course Outline Proposals for Biol 135 and Biol 198	
Action Taken	Information for review and discussion	

Summary of Discussion	<p>Biol 135 and Biol 198 are not currently offered within NSHE and Robin Eppard is introducing these courses to the Curriculum Committee today with a motion for approval to be at a later date.</p> <p>Biol 135 (3 credits)-Introduction to Ornithology offers an introduction to the biology of birds with a focus on avian biology, behavior, ecology, mechanism of flight, and migration, along with opportunities for field identification of birds common to Western Nevada. The course includes classroom lectures, hands-on activities, and field trips.</p> <p>This course is designed to apply toward a WNC degree and/or transfer to other schools within the Nevada System of Higher Education, depending on the degree chosen and other courses completed.</p> <p>The class does not have prerequisites.</p> <p>The committee discusses that Biol 135 should count as a science and/or as elective to support enrollment. If it will count as science, the description can state the course includes 4 laboratory experiences. The field trip experiences of watching birds in their habitats can act as lab experiences.</p> <p>The course outcomes should be changed to course objectives.</p> <p>Biol 198-Pinyon Jay Survey is an opportunity for students to participate in an ongoing scientific study of the current status of Pinyon Jay populations in the Pine Nut Range.</p> <p>This course is designed to apply toward a WNC degree and/or transfer to other schools within the Nevada System of Higher Education, depending on the degree chosen and other courses completed.</p> <p>Prerequisites: General Biology 100 or higher or Introduction to Ornithology. Students must have permission from the instructor to enroll.</p> <p>Currently this is a special topics course. If WNC intends to offer this course on a regular basis a new number should be created.</p> <p>Discussion on whether the class constitutes a science or more elective based.</p> <p>The group supports Biol 135 and Biol 198 potentially as science and/or elective courses and to reflect this within the course outlines. The courses can work well as a pair one after the other.</p>
Assignments/ Potential Agenda Items	

Comments/Information	
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Agenda Topic	Course Outline Updates for BTE 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108
Action Taken	More information is needed to review and discuss agenda item
Summary of Discussion	<p>The course outline updates are for the ABC apprenticeship courses.</p> <p>Questions come up about formatting and how assessment happens with the current outlines.</p> <p>The committee has low attendance today and more information is needed from individuals involved in BTE/BTP updates.</p>
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	Course Outline Updates for BTP 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 016, 107, 108
Action Taken	More information is needed to review and discuss agenda item
Summary of Discussion	Refer to above.
Assignments/Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	Old Business
Action Taken	Information only

Summary of Discussion	<p>Dianne states we have written approval from NSHE for the Certificate of Achievement Peace Officers Academy.</p> <p>The Associate of Applied Science in Fire science will not have written approval from NSHE until June.</p> <p>The Associate of Applied Science in Paramedince also does not yet have written confirmation.</p> <p>The new Academic Program Guide 2022-23 will have note under the AAS Fire Science and under the AAS Paramedicine regarding pending approval from NSHE.</p>
Assignments /Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	New Business
Action Taken	NA
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments /Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	Public Comment
Action Taken	NA
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments /Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	

Agenda Topic	Adjournment
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Action Taken	Meeting Adjourned
Summary of Discussion	
Assignments /Potential Agenda Items	
Comments/Information	