

Western Nevada College Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

2022-2023	October 14, 2022 Call to Order – 12:33 pm	Meeting conducted via Zoom
Members Present	Lauren Stevens, Geri Pope, Debi Ingraffia-Strong, Matt Anderson, Scott Morrison, Ron Beller, Chelsie Hamtak, Terry Mendez, Eric York, Dana Ryan, Winnie Kortemeier	
Members Missing	Niki Gladys, Amy Ghilieri	
Guests	Jayna Conkey, Rachelle Bassen, Greg Sly	
Agenda items for next meeting		

Agenda Topic	Minutes Approval from August 12, 2022
Action Taken	Terry moves to approve minutes from August 12, 2022, Matt seconds Minutes approved
Summary of Discussion	

Agenda Topic	Proposal to change CIT 148 and CIT 248-Discussion/Action
Action Taken	Terry moves to approve CIT 148 and CIT 248, Chelsie seconds Motion approved
Summary of Discussion	<p>Course descriptions:</p> <p>CIT 148-Beginning Python Programming (Prerequisite: CIT 128 recommended or consent of the instructor): An introduction to the Python programming language. Topics include Python data types, input, output, operators, decision and looping statements, functions, lists, exceptions, and files.</p> <p>CIT 248-Advanced Python Programming (Prerequisite CIT 148): This focuses on Python as an object-oriented language and introduces Python collections, modules and packages. Techniques for accessing data in relational databases and testing methodologies will be included as part of development of larger programs.</p> <p>The goal is to offer the above course to K-12 teachers that are looking to obtain an endorsement from the NV Department of Education in advanced computer science to teach related high school classes.</p> <p>The NV Department of Education is needing an option like this in the state.</p> <p>The courses are already in common course numbering and have gone through the process.</p>

Agenda Topic	Biol 191 Update-Information
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Action Taken	Terry moves to approve that Biol 190 no longer be a prerequisite for Biol 191 , Scott seconds Motion approved
Summary of Discussion	Science faculty have determined that Biol 190 as a prerequisite to Biol 191 is no longer appropriate. Biol 190-Intro to Cell and Molecular Biology-covers the structure and functions of cells while Biol 191-Introduction to Organismal Biology-covers principles of botany and zoology. So, Biol 190 is not necessarily needed to prepare students for Biol 191. This can give students more options to how they take their sciences. An example would be Biol 191 and Biol 135-Introduction to Ornithology. Winnie asks if this change could have any impact on transfer to UNR. Rachelle was under the impression that the change to prerequisite would not be an issue for UNR transfer. The goal is to make the change effective for spring 2023.

Agenda Topic	Nutr 121-Information
Action Taken	Although no motion to approve is needed for a change to a recommended prerequisite, members are in favor of removing the recommended prerequisite listed for Nutr 121.
Summary of Discussion	Faculty would like to remove the recommended prerequisite of Math 120, Math 126 or higher from Nutr 121. Students don't need those specific math skills to be successful in the class.

Agenda Topic	GRC "Path" for the AA-Discussion
Action Taken	Discussion only
Summary of Discussion	It is difficult to track the AA students that are on the Graphic Design "Path". Students are leaning more toward the AA transfer degree with greater accessibility to BA/BFA degrees in the area and a bachelor's being the industry-standard for graphic design positions. This has resulted in a decline of AAS Graphic Design graduates. Jayna and Scott discussed an AA with an emphasis in GRC. The emphasis pathways were removed from transfer degrees approximately 11 years ago.

	Part of the reason for the removal of emphasis areas for transfer degrees was that programs resulted in low yield.
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Agenda Topic	Proposal to update Graphic Design AAS-Discussion
Action Taken	Winnie moves to approve AAS GRC changes, Chelsie seconds Motion approved
Summary of Discussion	Jayna proposes some changes to the AAS GRC for fall 2023 since the goal is to remove Grc 275-Web Design II. Currently students can take Grc 275 or Art 261-Survey of Art History II and the requirement would just become Art 261 only. Chelsie suggests change to accommodate the need for a human relations requirement. This shifts the electives from 9 to 6 credits.

Agenda Topic	Proposal to change the AA-Discussion
Action Taken	Discussion only with more communication to other areas before returning for a vote.
Summary of Discussion	Proposal that the AA "Liberal Arts Requirement" include any 200 level (or higher) transfer course. Liberal Arts was the first program level requirement installed for the AA. Some of the background is that students could originally get an AA with only 100 level classes. The Liberal Arts requirement then brought in the need for 6 credits of 200 level courses from a list. The change to broaden the Liberal Arts requirement to any 200 level or higher would provide more flexibility to students as students can be going for the AA for a variety of reasons. The goal would be to return this item for a vote to then include for the 2023-24 Academic Program Guide.

Agenda Topic	Statement of Support - Discussion/Action
Action Taken	Geri will send out the statement to the Academic Faculty.
Summary of Discussion	Geri suggests we finalize a statement of support from the committee for reviewing and updating course outlines. Lauren asks about if accreditation should be part of the statement. Geri speaks of wanting it to come from a place of instructors wanting to improve their outlines/courses separate from accreditation. Discussion comes up about inconsistencies with course outlines on the website. Chelsie shares she has a goal to further explore a platform to centralize and give consistency to course information and outlines.

	Scott brings up the need for any platform to work well with existing systems.
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Agenda Topic	New Business
Action Taken	NA
Summary of Discussion	

Agenda Topic	Old Business
Action Taken	NA
Summary of Discussion	

Agenda Topic	Public Comment
Action Taken	NA
Summary of Discussion	

Agenda Topic	Adjournment
Action Taken	Meeting adjourned
Summary of Discussion	