

Western Nevada College Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

2023-2024	Oct. 20th, 2023 Call to Order – 9:00 1m	Meeting conducted via Zoom
Members Present	Lauren Stevens, Geri Pope, Amy Ghilieri, Matt Anderson, Jaspreet Gill, Chelsie Hamtak, Ron Beller, Dana Ryan, Eric York, Travis Carr (proxy for Scott Morrison)	
Members Missing	Smriti Bhattarai, Scott Morrison	
Guests	Greg Sly, Peter Christman	
Agenda items for next meeting	Syllabus changes to provide more information on content, depth and rigor	

Agenda Topic	Recorder for October Meeting Notes
Action Taken	Dana volunteered to record October notes.
Summary of Discussion	

Agenda Topic	Approval of September 2023 Minutes
Action Taken	Chelsie motions to approve September minutes, Travis seconds Motion approved - unanimous
Summary of Discussion	No discussion

Agenda Topic	Bylaws Update
Action Taken	Chelsie motions to approve, Amy second Motion approved (unanimous)
Summary of Discussion	Geri reviewed the changes (second reading), asked for questions (none). No discussion.

Agenda Topic	Chair Election
Action Taken	Chelsie motions to vote Eric as chair, Amy second Motion approved (unanimous)
Summary of Discussion	Geri asked for nominations. None came forth and she nominated Eric York. He was hopeful that someone else would volunteer (no such luck).

Agenda Topic	Pre-Requisite Update - Math
Action Taken	Chelsie motions to approve, Travis second. Motion approved.

<p>Summary of Discussion</p>	<p>Purpose: Align language with sister institutions and opens up the prereqs to allow more opportunities for students to demonstrate readiness, thus opening access. also supports advising.</p> <p>Eric presented. Consistent with what has already been done with MATH 126.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt - MATH 176, not mentioned in any degree pathways, what is the applicability for the course? Lauren said MATH 176 is a stand-alone course but does have prereqs, it's most applicable to Associate of Business. Eric said that MATH 176 and MATH 181 cover the same topics but with significantly different emphases - MATH 176 focuses on application of concepts where MATH 181 provides the foundation for more advanced math. <p>Clarification that upon approval, these are in effect immediately (to be applicable for spring semester).</p>
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<p>Agenda Topic</p>	<p>Pre-Requisite Update - BIOL/CHEM</p>
<p>Action Taken</p>	<p>Chelsie motions to approve, Matt second.</p> <p>Motion approved.</p>
<p>Summary of Discussion</p>	<p>Purpose: Open up the pre-reqs to allow more opportunities for students to demonstrate readiness, thus opening access.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eric - why the difference in math pre-reqs for BIO 190 and CHEM 121 since the two science classes are both in the same pathway (pre-nursing). Lauren said these changes are very positive for Advising but there are still some issues based on pre-req differences between institutions (as well as the differences in math pre-reqs for BIOL vs. CHEM). Eric believes that the difference in pre-reqs (MATH 124 vs. MATH 126) is historical based on student success. Eric said that this needs to be addressed in the future. Chelsie clarified that we are only adding language, not changing existing language at this time. • Matt - value of the A/L designations as we thought these letters were being removed. Chelsie clarified

	<p>that the A/L distinction helps distinguish courses transferred in as other institutions are still using them.</p> <p>No one felt these needed to be held for more information. Clarification that upon approval, these are in effect immediately (to be applicable for spring semester).</p>
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Agenda Topic	New Course Proposal - PSY 280
Action Taken	<p>Matt motions to approve, Amy second.</p> <p>Motion approved (unanimous)</p>
Summary of Discussion	<p>Purpose: This course has been offered in the past as special topics, well received and intending to make it permanent.</p> <p>Geri said we are technically only supposed to offer a special topics course one time (we've offered this multiple times) and if not approved, we will not be able to offer the course.</p> <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Matt - is the course is transferable? Geri said it will transfer as the 200-level degree requirement. Chelsie said it was approved as transferable through CCN. <p><u>Concerns:</u></p> <p>Not really any content information in the required documents. Also hard to understand the depth and rigor of the course. Geri suggested that we may need to revisit what we require on the syllabus.</p>

Agenda Topic	AAS Criminal Justice Program Review
Action Taken	Information Only
Summary of Discussion	<p>Greg Sly presented. Last review completed in 2017 by Richard Finn, at the conclusion of his career. No formal replacement of that role until this year (2023). Highlights:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most students focus on the transfer degree with a CRJ emphasis that aligns smoothly with UNR • Content is excellent, as evaluated by a broad industry advisory committee • Instructors are highly qualified - all with Masters degrees or higher and experience in the criminal justice system Under-represented and

	<p>non-traditional populations well served - 60% female, 30% hispanic/latino</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Currently two course sequences - one online and one in person - that cannot be sustained, this will be reduced to only one course sequence. • Entry course, CRJ 104, has twice as many students this year as last year meaning that the pipeline to CRJ is growing. <p><u>Questions:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geri - more reference to a 2+2 with NSU. Greg noted this is being investigated now but would allow students the avenue to continue their education to be qualified to reach the career level of Chief using the AAS side of the educational pathway (versus the transfer degree). • Geri - reference to a court interpreter and whether this was appropriately placed in CRJ rather than Deaf Studies; also noted the changes in requirements for sign language interpreters. Greg said this was a continuation from the 2017 report, he had not looked into it much. Lauren had also discussed this with the prior instructor and he saw a high demand in the courts for this. Greg did not necessarily agree and wanted to ensure that his recommendations, as well as the program, align with the career demand. He is not recommending that this be a major program focus at this time. <p>Travis and Lauren called out Greg's commitment to the program and student success.</p>
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Agenda Topic	Adjournment
Action Taken	Meeting adjourned by unanimous consent. 10:32 am
Summary of Discussion	