Western Nevada College Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

2023-2024	April 19, 2024 Call to Order – 9:05 am	Meeting conducted via Zoom
Members Present	Geri Pope, Amy Ghilieri, Matt Anderson, R Scott Morrison, Smriti Bhattarai, Jaspreet Chelsie Hamtak, Dana Ryan	
Members Missing		
Guests		
Agenda items for next meeting		

Agenda Topic	Minutes Approval from March 15, 2024
Action Taken	Amy moves to approve the March minutes, Smriti seconds
	Motion passes
Summary of Discussion	

Agenda Topic	HGPS 201 Holocaust, Genocide, Peace Studies	
Action Taken	Chelsie moves to approve the adoption of HGPS 201 as a Humanities gen ed requirement for all degrees transferable and non-transferable retroactive 6 years, Scott seconds Motion passes	
Summary of Discussion	 Proposal to make HGPS 201 a Humanities gen ed requirement for all degrees transferable and non-transferable. HGPS 201 - Holocaust, Genocide, Peace Studies This course is similar to other courses that already fulfill this requirement, such as HIST 105 and HIST 106. 	

Agenda Topic	New Course Proposal
Action Taken	Smriti moves to approve, Matt seconds
	motion passes
Summary of Discussion	Proposal to adopt the following courses:
	BIOL 105 - Introduction to Neuroscience
	NS 105 - Introduction to Neuroscience PSY 105 - Introduction to Neuroscience

 PSY is one of the top transfer pathways to UNR, and neuroscience is one of the most pursued specializations. BIOL 105 is the parent course so it must be added to the catalog if we want to offer PSY 105. NS 105 is not required but was highly recommended by UNR as they do not offer PSY 105. Including all three makes the crosslisting possible. If all three are not adopted for crosslisting it may affect transferability The intent is to ensure that changes in administration and faculty will not negatively affect transferring
students. We will be adopting all three courses but will only offer PSY 105.

Agenda Topic	New Course Proposal
Action Taken	Chelsie moves to approve, Jaspreet seconds
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Summary of Discussion	motion passes Proposal to add:
ourning of Discussion	FT 106 - Firefighter I Academy
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	This course is being proposed to provide greater alignment with
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	Carson Fire.
	Previously there were 4 courses (at 3 credits each), this single
	12 credit course is what TMCC does and allows for a
	partnership with Carson Fire. Without Carson Fire we will not
	be able to offer a Fire Science program.
	This single course will allow students to gain certification so
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	they are prepared to join the workforce. Certification will be
	part of the course provided students meet the state requirements
	for those certifications.
	The committee recommends replacing the broader SLO
	statement in the course outline with a specific statement that all
	objectives of this course align with SLO 7 - Career Preparation.

Agenda Topic	Course Update Proposal
Action Taken	Chelsie moves to approve, Smriti seconds

	motion passes	
Summary of Discussion		
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	FT 131 - Hazardous Materials Chemistry (Revised)	
	FT 131 - Hazardous Materials Chemistry (Current)	
	The previous version was more of a chemistry course, and in	
	consulting fire professionals our course was not aligned with	
	industry needs. We had more depth in the lecture portion than	
	was required and we did not include a hands-on element, which	
	is required for certification with the state.	
	This will be a co-requisite with FT 106 and will be taught as	
	part of the Firefighter I academy.	
	Second sentence of the course description, remove the "xxx."	
	The title in CCN is "Hazardous Materials Chemistry" but it	
	appears as "Hazardous Materials" on the outline and also at	
	TMCC. Chelsie will check with the other institutions to see	
	what course titles they use.	
	The committee recommends replacing the broader SLO	
	statement in the course outline with a specific statement that all	
	objectives of this course align with SLO 7 - Career Preparation.	

Agenda Topic	Course Development Support Materials	
Action Taken		
Summary of Discussion	Course Development Questionaire	
	- Question 1, should only lead to 80% question if	
	the answer is Yes	
	- In the Degree Requirement question, change to	
	short answer "what degree requirement would it	
	fulfill"	
	- Materials, "briefly describe the instructional	
	materials that will be used in this course" maybe	
	include examples "textbooks, OER,)	
	- Fees, link to course fee form	
	- What is the reason this fee will be required needs	
	to be more specific. Option 1 Computer Use Fee	
	or Option 2 Expendable Supplies	
	- Check with Coral and Shannon to make	
	sure those are all of the categories	

- Standards question
- we can split up the first question into two
questions, one about academic integrity
and then a second question about rigor
- second one, change to "how does this
course meet the needs"
Syllabus Development Statement
- under "recommended/required area" let's make it
clear what is required and what is recommended
- Course description and learning outcomes: make
it clear that these must come from the approved
(most current) outline for the course
- Include something specific about policies on AI,
a single statement so there is some uniformity
from course to course would be helpful (policy
3-4-5)
Course Outline and Syllabus Development
- remove "form revised date here" from the bottom
of the page
- How do we include more information about how
to complete the course outline template?
- additional explanation on the first page?
- version of the template with explanations
built in?
Course Development/Revision Instructions
- in section 3, make it clear that we do not send
items during those two time periods
- in the last two, change "the course developer" to
"requesting individual"
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Agenda Topic	WNC General Education Descriptions
Action Taken	
Summary of Discussion	Math
	Humanities
	US/NV Constitution
	Social Sciences
	Fine Arts
	English/Communications
	add "Human Relations"

	A general education workgroup could be useful
	- Reach out to faculty senate requesting that a call be sent
	out to faculty

Agenda Topic	Program Elimination
Action Taken	Scott moves to approve, Chelsie seconds
	motion passes
Summary of Discussion	AAS Paramedicine
	This is a recently added degree but our program was not well situated to meet the needs of our area. We have neither instructors nor students to run a full program in paramedicine.

Agenda Topic	Program Elimination
Action Taken	Chelsie moves to approve, Matt seconds
	motion passes
Summary of Discussion	AAS Automated Systems
	AAS Mechatronics
	These two degrees are replaced by the AAS Mechatronics & Electronics degree. Currently the declared for these two degrees are not actively taking courses.

Agenda Topic	Proposal to change May meeting
Action Taken	NA
Summary of Discussion	Proposal to change the May 17th meeting to May 10th.
	Meeting will be changed to 9am on May 10th

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	