College Board Curriculum and Program Committee Minutes Friday, December 4, 2020

Dr. Peter Anderson convened the meeting by Zoom at 10:00 a.m. Members present were Bobbie Potter, Sharon Scott, Peter Anderson, Sarah Tolbert-Hurysz, Debbie Bond. Arriving late was Craig Chancellor.

Peter thanked everyone for attending and appreciated all the time that everyone spent on the curriculum process. He said Debbie and Sarah had done an excellent job.

- 1. Debbie went over the *IT Full Stack Developer Specialization AA&S*. The specialization will meet local business' needs. The students will learn to develop client and server software and work on the front and back end of computer technology. She said that there a lot of jobs available in the New River Valley.
- **2.** Debbie explained that the *IT Mobile Apps Specialization AA&S* was no longer needed and had no students graduating from this specialization in some time.
- **3.** Debbie said that the *IT Mobile Apps CSC* was another certificate that was no longer needed and that it feeds into a two-year degree, and we are discontinuing it.
- 4. Debbie explained that the Instrumentation and Control Automation Technology Degree is a very popular program with many students. It needed to be updated to keep up with current trends. She noted ETR 180 was added and explained why courses were moved around and why changes were made to the footnotes.
- 5. Debbie said that the *Refrigeration and Air Conditioning CSC* is very popular and hasn't been updated for a while, and the new course will be a better fit. The changes give the students more refrigeration courses and deleted courses not relevant. Ms. Bobbie Potter wanted to know if courses could be taken out of sequence, and Debbie said some could but not all.
- 6. Debbie talked about the Unmanned Systems CSC. She said that two of these courses are already taught at NRCC. Debbie explained that with this certificate, NRCC would qualify to receive help and resources from the FAA and that this certificate aligns with a two-year electronics degree. Debbie said we are also dual enrolling UMS courses at some of the local high schools.
- 7. Sarah explained the SDV change to the *Practical Nursing Certificate*. She said that this would help students be more successful in the nursing program. She said that students would be allowed to use SDV 100 if they have already taken it. Ms. Bobbie Potter thanked her for clearing up the reason for the change and asked if there were any other variations of SDV 101 used at NRCC. Peter said that this is the only one we currently use.

- 8. Sarah reported on the changes to the *Engineering Computer Science Specialization AA&S*. She said these changes are due to the changes to Table 5.1. She explained that the VCCS is working with SCHEV and some universities to improve transfers to keep students from taking classes that are not transferable. Sarah referred to Table 5.1 to explain the changes in the footnotes. Ms. Bobbie Potter asked about the HIS courses, how the credits are entered, and whether they will be entered as a one-semester or two-semester course. Sarah said a team of faculty is working on educational requirements, and they are making progress and looking for the ideal curriculum coming out of community colleges.
- **9.** Sarah explained changes in the *Engineering Degree*. She said changes were made to bring us into compliance with Table 5.1. She went over the footnotes changes. Sarah said that the changes were made so that students could take the courses that would be transferable to the university they plan to attend. Ms. Bobbie Potter asked about HIS and did they have to be the ones in the footnotes. Sarah said that the courses listed are offered every semester, and a substitution can be made for other courses.
- **10.** Sarah mentioned the changes to the *General Studies Fine Arts Specialization AA&S* were also made to bring NRCC into compliance with Table 5.1. She said that the Art faculty had asked for the change as students were requesting substitutions. Sarah also went over the footnote changes.
- **11.** Sarah reported on the *General Studies Degree*. She said that the changes to the footnotes were made to comply with Table 5.1.
- **12.** Sarah said that the *General Studies Computer Science Specialization AA&S* changes were made because of Table 5.1.
- **13.** Sarah mentioned that the *General Studies Visual Communication Design Specialization AA*&S changes were made in the footnotes because of Table 5.1.
- **14.** Sarah reported that the changes to the *Liberal Arts Degree* in the footnotes were due to Table 5.1.
- **15.** Sarah said that the *Science Degree* footnote changes were to bring us into compliance with Table 5.1.
- **16.** Sarah reported on the *Education Degree*. She said that HIS 122 was put back in response to four-year universities to help students transfer to a four-year institution. Sarah noted that most of our students go to Radford University, and the changes were to align with them and that they do not want sequential sciences. The changes will also let the students choose which elective works with their chosen university. Bobbie asked about math prerequisites, and Sarah said VCCS is getting ready to change our developmental math, and the placement requirements for these classes will change.

17. Sarah said that the *Business Administration Degree* changes were because most of NRCCs students transferring to Virginia Tech and Radford University. She said with the changes; students can now choose the one that meets their needs to transfer.

Peter thanked everyone and asked if there were any last-minute questions, and there were none.

Ms. Bobbie Potter and Dr. Sharon Scott thanked everyone for all their hard work.

It was decided Dr. Sharon Scott would make the recommendations to the full board.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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