

Curriculum Committee Meeting

February 20, 2009

Present: Kathryn Langston, Kena Tyler, Ruby Johnson, Cheri McKee-McSwain, Bettie Estes, Jennie Miller, Mike Orf, Holly Ayers, Joan Stirling

It was noted at the very beginning of the meeting that there is no chair or co-chair.

Kathryn noted that she had pulled the proposal concerning the two 1-hour classes that run back to back. It was thought that the students who take these classes would find the idea of a semester long class intimidating; whereas, two 8-week classes are not as intimidating.

Jennie Miller brought a proposal to change the College Success class from a one hour class to a three hour class. In the discussion it was noted that there is a bill in the state that might involved changing this course; therefore, it might be a good idea to wait on course changes.

Some other issues mentioned included training for instructors and who would those instructors be; team teaching with partners from different disciplines; a lack of consistency in the way teachers are teaching this class; and complaints from the students about the amount of work they are expected to complete during the eight weeks.

The issue of firsttime/fulltime students taking this class arose and how to make sure that students took the class as it seems that those who do do consistently better in course work. The idea of placing the student who gets through his/her first semester without taking the class on hold till the course is taken. Instructors will be required to trained, and it was noted that this would not be a problem if the course went to a three hour class.

Holly and Joan came in from a meeting with Dr. DeLong and at his suggestion this proposal is to be pulled and sent to Faculty Council to see what they feel about it. The proposal could possibly come back to the Curriculum Committee with additional suggestions and changes.

It was noted during discussion that the state is working on a standardized state-wide AA degree.

The discussion returned to a lack of a chair or co-chair. Finally Cheri McMc agreed to be a co-chair with the proviso that another co be found. Mike promised to find her another co-chair.

Ruby moved that the meeting be adjourned, and Mike seconded the motion. The motion was passed and the meeting adjourned at 11:10 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kena Tyler, Secretary