

Joint Curriculum Council

3-4-2021 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by Chris Davis 3/4/2021 at 3:03 PM.

Attendees: Chris Davis, Patricia Harveson, Gina Stocks, Jeffrey Myer, Michael Ortiz, Edison Moura, Oguzhan Basbuyuk, Avram Dumitrescu, Jennifer Miller, Jeanne Qvarnstrom, Matt Moore, Pam Pipes, Karla Flores, Suzzanne Robinson

Jeanne Qvarnstrom went over our charge from January to align the curriculum. Jeanne shared that 12 of the 13 programs were straightforward. Jeanne shared that the M.Ed. Educational Leadership a decision was made to go with only Alpine courses, which means that the faculty at RGC will be teaching for Alpine courses in the fall. There was an across the board adoption of the Alpine only courses. There are 10 specified courses by TEA. Jeanne shared that there has been input from a lot of people. Jeanne mentioned that you will find course changes in the degree change to align changes that are not on the degree plan.

Matt Moore shared 3 changes for curriculum.

1. Equalized Tuition: There will be equalized tuition on all campuses.
2. Single Funding Source: There will be a single funding source and will declared in May.
3. Program Reviews: We received our first program review yesterday from the Texas Education Agency. Our hope is to remediate these problems over the next 12 months. Aligning the curriculum is a top priority and more important even now. They are investigating Fall 18-Fall 2020. They will be on campus as soon and we will work on a full program review by Fall 2022. Matt will be meeting with the Department of Education on Monday and will share more significant and concrete information from them and our ability to track academic progress. The default went above 15%. The Texas Education Agency does not want to shut down an HSI and will work with us over the next several months to see how much we can get corrected as soon as we can. We have 3 choices on our curriculum.
 - a. Alpine Rubric
 - b. RGC Rubric
 - c. Or a New Rubric

Matt suggested that the curriculum council make the changes to select the rubric. Use the section to determine the campus.

Michael Ortiz asked a clarification about the rubric, which was clarified as is the prefix. Michael asked a question inquiring about what specific red flags have been identified by recent audits. Matt shared that triggers were a default rate of 15.9%, attrition rate undergraduate Alpine, graduate at RGC, The program review was triggered by the Department of Education.

4. Matt shared that a Blue Ribbon Community Review will be conducted in the fall.

Patricia Harveson asked how many substitutions or waivers for a major of study is appropriate? Matt said most limit to only 5. Matt also mentioned that we usually limit the number of transfer hours from other institutions.

Most institution transfer credit is not counted toward your credential GPA. There is a transfer GPA and an intuitional GPA. We have counted course work from SWTJC and allowed that coursework that inflate the GPAs at SRSU.

The curriculum committee needs to be charged that our curricula is SACOSS compliant.

Edison Moura asked about needing to aligning curriculum for non-shared programs. Matt answered that we are not charged to align these programs.

Matt shared that this work for the new catalog and curriculum issues complete by the end of the fall 2021 term.

Pam Pipes shared expertise from the registrar's side. Pam shared the importance of considering a reuse of a catalog number. If the subject matter is widely different, then it really needs its own number. It is better all-around to not use course number reuse. Pam offered to be a resource.

Suzanne was also introduced from RGC as the staff representative for degree audits and was also asked to review and add comments to the

Chris Davis shared our process and reviewed our TEAMS folder and shared the TEAMS group assignments. One RGC faculty was paired with an Alpine faculty. All curriculum change forms were linked, as a pair we can approve or discuss. The joint faculty group were asked to add council TEAM notes to share at the next meeting on 3/18. Chris shared that the registrar will also share comments on the shared document.

Edison Moura asked for clarification on working together with each course assignment with our partner. Chris shared a best practice to evaluate the 34 curriculum change forms assigned and then have a chat with the assigned partner. Afterwards, the group will complete the shared spreadsheet to share issues that the larger group can consider.

Patricia asked about the idea of a single curriculum. Jeanne shared that the single curriculum is identified per program. Jeanne shared that we have 55 programs and the ones that are identified common will need to be aligned.

Jennifer went over how to review a curriculum change form with the group.

Patricia asked about contact hour clarification. Pam shared about contact hours on the form.

Pam agreed to send us contact hour policy and drop it in our TEAMS folder.

Avram requested an email with the link to the spreadsheet. It was agreed that a follow up email would be sent prior to spring break.

Jennifer shared that the next meeting would be 3/18 at 3 pm.

The meeting was adjourned by Chris at 4:36 pm.