

CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 2004

MINUTES

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee met February 25, 2004 on the Athens Campus. Jerry King, David Loper, and Nancy Whitworth presented the degree changes, new courses, and new certificate program for the Occupational Education Division. The new courses, ACNT 1329, ITSC 1301, ITNW 1325, POFM 2313, POFL 1305, DFTG 2417, CDEC 2315, FIRT 1307, FIRT 1311, FIRT 1391, and the Medical Transcription Certificate, were unanimously approved by the Committee. Charles Akin asked if it would be possible for students to test out of the Basic Keyboarding course. The Committee agreed this was a good idea and the description of the certificate was changed to give students a choice of taking Basic Keyboarding or Intermediate Keyboarding if they have keyboarding skills.

The changes and new courses added to the academic curriculum were presented by Ray Williams. The new academic courses are DEVL 0106, DEVL 0107, DEVL 0108, DRAM 1342, DRAM 1332, DRAM 2366, MUEN, 1123, 1124, 2123, 2124, MUEN 1153, 1154, 2153, 2154, and PSYC 2306. Dean Williams briefly discussed the Texas Success Initiative and the new Developmental Education Plan. Charles Gann asked about the legal implications associated with the policy that requires a student to be dropped from all classes for not attending developmental classes. The group agreed that it would be a good idea to revisit this issue at the Deans' Council or the administrative retreat.

Terry Spurlock gave the update on distance education. TVCC is still the largest provider of courses for the VCT. He attributes this success to the professionalism of our faculty. There are 2,581 TVCC students enrolled in some type of distance education.

Other comments:

Linda Gann, Director of Honors, reported on the honors marketing class. The students will visit NASA in the summer. She provided tuition for the students to take the course.

Charles Akin announced that Merl Estep's class had developed a constitution for Iraq. The document will be taken to Iraq by a judge who will be participating in the constitutional process in that country.

There being no additional business, the meeting was adjourned.