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CURRICULUM AND INSTRUCTION COMMITTEE
MARCH 1, 2006

The Curriculum and Instruction Committee met March 1, 2006 on the Athens Campus. Those present were Charles Akin, Brian Allen, Dale Cates, Linda Daniel, Richard Davis, Kelly Driskell, Bill Enger, Linda Gann, Colette Hilliard, David Hubbard, Sam Hurley, Jerry King, David Loper, Bill Monds, Alvis Montrose, Helen Reid, Terry Spurlock, Janice Sutton, Ray Williams, and Marylyn Wright.

Dean Williams presented recommendations for course additions and revisions from the Academic Division. The math department recommended adding one hour to the three hour calculus courses. The Committee approved the motion to make Calculus I, II, III four semester hour courses, and add four new courses, MUSI 1310, SPCH 1315, SPCH, 1318, SPCH, 2316 to the curriculum.

Dean Williams discussed General Education Goals developed by the General Education Committee, a sub-committee of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee. After deliberation the Committee voted to accept the Goals as presented.

A list of courses recommended for blocking by the Academic Division was presented to the Committee for consideration. After discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of blocking the specified courses, the Committee agreed to block freshman courses in social science and speech by level I reading, sophomore courses by level II reading, and English 1301 and 1302 by reading and writing.

The International Baccalaureate Diploma Program was explained by Dean Williams. The Coordinating Board requires each Texas community college to develop a policy for accepting the International Baccalaureate Diploma. He distributed copies of the policy that was submitted to the Coordinating Board in December.

Donnie Fulford proposed combining three drafting options into a single degree, the A.A.S. in Drafting and Design Technology. The Committee approved the proposal.

Terry Spurlock gave an update on the Distance Education Program. TVCC serves a total of 2,204 students through distance education. This total includes TVCC students, local and hosted through VCT, and VCT students hosted by other community colleges. Dr. Spurlock complimented our faculty for the success of the program. The VCT representatives at other community colleges have given high praise to the TVCC faculty and staff for the outstanding job they do with distance education.

Kay Pulley informed the Committee on the progress of the Learning Initiative. Several instructors are participating in pilot projects that include student networking groups.

The Learning Initiative Council continues to gather data on various aspects of student learning. Other activities are underway in promoting student engagement. One initiative is to encourage students to access textbook websites.

There being no additional business, the meeting adjourned at 3:05 P.M.