Arkansas Tech University - Ozark Curriculum Committee Meeting

October 25, 2022 Minutes

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The Curriculum Committee (CC) met via Webex on Tuesday, October 25, 2022 at 4:00 p.m. The following members were present:

Heather Nelson – Chair Todd Birkhead – Past-chair Julie Auterson – Recorder Gary Donberger – Trades Erin Brickley – Ex officio

Absent members:

Shelley Koone – General Education/ Math Julie Schmalz – Ex officio

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Heather Nelson called the meeting to order at 4:00 PM and asked that the minutes be approved as distributed. Motion by Todd Birkhead, second by Julie Auterson to approve the minutes as distributed. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Bylaws – Dr. Jacobs approved the durations of the times set froth from the last meeting.

Bylaws are approved an on shared S: drive.

NEW BUSINESS

Heather Nelson asked the CC to consider the changes requested by the respective programs below.

Banking Program - presented by Charlotte Coats, Program Chair

Effective with the Spring 2023 semester:

Request #1: Change special topics course to Practicum / Internships Supporting documents (see attached) to replace Special topics class with the addition of a "Banking Services Practicum" class, denoted as an internship. Nelson stated the form needs to be revised of following:

- Internship box selected
- Either Major or Minor course for program Coats clarified that the course will not be an elective, but a required course.
- Co-requisites: Remove the statement "Must hold a position in banking, either part-time or full-time." Coats clarified that a student can complete the internship without having to hold a current position in banking.

Additional forms must be submitted to Academic Affairs:

- Course removal form to remove special topics course
- Request for Program Change as noted on Course addition request form

Coats informed the Board that the addition of the internship class will not affect other classes. Coats will present the paperwork to Academic Affairs/Dr. Jacobs for final approval.

Motion by Julie Auterson, second by Todd Birkhead to approve Request #1 with correct forms. Motion carried.

Request #2: Create a Work Based Learning internship that is 1-year, beginning in Summer.

Nelson asked if all students would be required to complete this 1-year internship; Coats clarified a select group of 2-3 students would complete after an interview process. A textbook is required as part of the internship. Nelson asked if there were any issues with financial aid for a 1-year internship; need further research on this point.

Coats stated she is still working with Dr. Jacobs on how to structure the WBL internship.

Item tabled until further notice.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

N/A

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Todd Birkhead, second by Gary Donberger to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.