



Academic Policies & Standards Committee –Tuesday, March 27, 2012

DATE: 3/27/2012

ATTENDEES: Cheryl Plescia, Jen DeWeerth, Julie Dewan, Mike Henningsen, Robert Mineo Stacy McCall, Maryrose Eannance, Anna Dousharm, Steve Frisbee, Jack Susenburger, Chris Sleys Rosemary Spetka

GUESTS: Mark Radlowski, Brian Molinaro, Dan Porcelli

TIME: 2:00 pm

PLACE: Payne Hall 391

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	DECISION
<p>Credit for Experiential Learning – For Life</p>	<p>Dan handed out chart – see attached. Passed by MVCC's Board of Trustees. The fee is to help the cost of the tuition. Instructors receive 2/3 of the fee.</p> <p>Rosemary Spetka received paperwork at the end of the process. Students can view this in DegreeWorks. Issues have existed in the past with the fee if payment is not received until after a credit-by-exam. Students have failed the exam and then are unwilling to pay for the exam. There is much confusion over when students pay.</p> <p>The process will be as follows: The student will see the appropriate assistant dean, who will determine if the credit-by-exam needs to be done. If so, the student will then pay for the course, bring receipt to assigned faculty member and then register.</p>	<p>Charge a fee once the student presents paperwork.</p> <p>The tuition and fee schedule needs to be updated. The schedule currently being used dates back to 1997. The Board of Trustees will consider the proposed schedule in May. This will be in effect beginning in the Fall of 2012.</p>

**General Education Requirements –
Credit Creep**

Why is there MVCC Gen. Ed. And SUNY Gen. Ed.? Is there a relationship/correlation between Gen.Ed. and credit creep? Mark provided an excellent verbal history of the issue at MVCC. State requirement is listed in the current catalog on Page 17.

SED requirements:

- AAS degree needs 1/3 of the credits in Gen. Ed. or about 20 credits.
- AS degree needs 50% in Gen. Ed.
- AA degree needs 75% in Gen. Ed.

The current number of hours in programs has remained virtually unchanged since the change from quarters to semesters in the very early 80s. The one addition pointed out by Mark was the ED100 course. Developed a two-tier system to meet the Gen. Ed. requirements.

SUNY also has Gen. Ed. Requirements (7 Silos). These vary based on the institution. SUNY does not require a natural science, however, MVCC does.

It appears as though MVCC programs have heavy credit hour requirements in some cases to prepare students for the workforce. Students are well prepared for transfer.

Why does the General Studies program require 2 lab sciences

The form will be revised.

Should there be a restructuring of the general studies program to benefit the students? Maryrose added that Linde LoPresti from SED has an issue with several concentrations that should be approved as programs.



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<p>Article regarding Award of Academic Credit by Evaluation</p> <p>Academic Programs of Up to 70 credits or More by Community College (Alfred → Jamestown)</p> <p>Deadline for Submission to Handbook</p>	<p>and 2 math courses and not push students to meet all of the silos?</p> <p>Maryrose expressed concern because students come unprepared, then need developmental courses on top of the 74-75 credit hour requirements. This leads to students not meeting requirements or finishing in 2 years. The question was then raised regarding how many credits from MVCC will be accepted at the SUNY 4-year institutions?</p> <p>The discussion then moved to career readiness vs. transfer readiness with a question to Mark about how many students transfer to SUNY's vs. independent colleges.</p> <p>Relevant to the Credit for Life experience discussion. Trying to create a smoother transfer process to the 4-year SUNYs.</p> <p>Cabinet decided that MVCC's catalog would be updated 2 times a year electronically. Questions were raised regarding how this is tracked and how information is archived. Steve pointed out that there was additional work needed to create the final draft for submission to the catalog for the policy on credit for experiential learning.</p>	
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The remainder of the agenda has been tabled until the next meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
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Dean of the Rome Campus