

Instructional Faculty Consortium Committee Meeting (IFCC)

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PROGRAM	IFCC Forest Technology and Fish and Wildlife Management.
FACILITATOR	Steve Cagle
SECRETARY	John Tyler
ATTENDEES	Mike Allen LFWT SWTC; Jill Lehman, FWMT STC; Tyler Clemons, FWMT MTC; Heather Blackburn, FWMT OTC; John Thrift, FORS STC; Steve Cagle, Curriculum Program Specialist

Agenda Topics

[WELCOME AND OVERVIEW]

STEVE CAGLE

DISCUSSION	Steve Cagle called the meeting to order then discussed the official reasons for the consortium and his role as the Curriculum Program Specialist. Each instructor introduced themselves.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

[PROGRAM CONCERNS]

[TIME ALLOTTED]

ALL

DISCUSSION	The floor was opened up by Cagle for group to share major concerns about the curriculum and programs. Lehman began by discussing her concerns about the readiness of new students and that many lacked the basic math and English skills to be expected from a high school graduate. Blackburn had similar concerns. Cagle then informed the group about the future re-designs of learning support to increase the effectiveness. Group discussed major issues with dual enrollment including: The difficulty of coordinating with multiple high schools that have different administration goals and viewpoints, The difficulty of holding high standards for the college while meeting the expectations of the high schools, FERPA issues dealing with students less than 18 years old.	
CONCLUSIONS		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE

[CURRICULUM]		[TIME ALLOTTED]	ALL	
DISCUSSION		Allen asked about the process of prerequisites for certain program classes. Cagle explained the process of the Probe and how he manages the ticket for review and the process of approval. Cagle also explained the process of minor changes to the curriculum and how he manages the ticket for review. Allen asked about the Intro class standard of requiring CPR. Group informed him about the First Aid requirements and the benefits of CPR and First Aid in terms of compliance. Also, Allen inquired about what constitutes a lecture contact versus a lab contact as it related to Plantation Operations. Cagle informed the group that a tour or visit of a plantation set up in a guest speaker/lecture format could be viewed as a lecture contact even though it was outside the normal classroom setting. And that if the students engaged and a hands-on work activity that would be considered a lab contact. Cagle discussed the issues with the Wildlife Management TCC and that the curriculum was not currently articulated with the DOE. Thrift informed the group that the TCC was articulated with the FFA career pathways originally. TCC may need to be re-articulated or redesigned to meet DOE standards - Cagle discussed some ideas about EMPL 1000 and how it could benefit both diploma and degree students.		
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE		
PROGRAM CHANGES		[TIME ALLOTTED]	ALL	
DISCUSSION		The Group discussed the total credit hours for the FWMT degree. A green card was filled out with the suggested changes to reduce the total from 63 to 60 hours. Allen and Cagle discussed the Land, Forest, and Wildlife Management program at SWTC and the total credit hours for it. The group suggested lowering the credit hours. It was suggested to substitute FORS 1100 in the place of FORS 1260 and FORS 1310, which would eliminate one class from the curriculum but still satisfy the standards.		
CONCLUSIONS				
ACTION ITEMS	PERSON RESPONSIBLE	DEADLINE		
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ELECTION OF OFFICERS

[TIME ALLOTTED]

ALL

DISCUSSION	Group elected officers: Tyler Clemons President, Heather Blackburn Vice President, John Thrift Secretary.	
CONCLUSIONS		
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