

**POLK STATE COLLEGE
AQC MINUTES**

- Meeting:** Academic Quality Council
- Date/Time:** November 16, 2015 3:00 p.m.
- Locations:** Winter Haven Campus – WMS 124
Lakeland Campus – LAC 1243
Airside Campus
- Recorder:** Sarah Plazak
- Attending Members:** Donald Painter, April Robinson, Sally Fitzgerald, Mackenzie Jennings, Kim Thomas, Ben Gracy, Mark Hartfield, Kaye Betz, Greg Toole, Natalie Whitcomb, Lisa Smelser, Lorrie Jones, Ray Oberg, Christen Shea, Carolina Rodriguez, Sandra Ward, Jessica Seaman
- Attending Resource Members:** Ken Ross, Sylvester Little, Larry Pakowski, Reggie Webb, Kevin Jones
- Other Faculty/Staff:** Eric Crump, James Davis, Orathai Northen, Jess Jones

Welcome

Kenneth Ross welcomed everyone. A quorum was reached at 3:00 pm.

I. Approval of Minutes from October 19, 2015:

Ray Oberg made a motion to approve the meeting minutes; Greg Toole seconded. No further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

**II. Program Modification: Fire Science Technology, AS
Presenter: James Davis**

James (Jim) Davis said that consortiums for Fire Science throughout the state have been consulted, and many institutions are offering the minimum standards of basic training: close to 500 hours of academic and practical knowledge of the minimum standards. The other institutions offer anywhere from three to nine credits toward academic programs. The state refers to it as a Certificate of Compliance, which is comprised of Fire Fighter I and II. The academic portion requires students to be tested on over 2000 pages of text throughout a sequence of courses, concluding with a 100-question test. Students must also take a practical exam. In lieu of that, Jim suggested offering three articulated credits to the electives area, in order for the College to stay competitive. When a student's fire science core program is articulated, if some of the categories the student chose do not include enough of the core, there are several choices available. FFP 1000, *Introduction to Fire Science*, would be added as an option in the electives area. In part, this change was prompted by feedback from students. Jim said that he has received approval of the fire chiefs for this change.

Dr. Ross confirmed that if a student completes Fire Fighter I and II (500+ hours), the student receives three credits.

Ray Oberg inquired if other colleges offer this, and Jim confirmed that most offer three credits for this.

Lisa Smelser and Carolina Rodriguez expressed concern that the College does not currently offer FFP 1000 and wondered if a new course would need to be proposed at a future meeting. Jim said that as a general rule, the College brings in articulated credit as a bundle once the student passes the required test. FFP 1000 would not be a course actually offered at the College; the credit would be strictly for articulation purposes. Ken Ross said that he would research this and follow-up with the committee.

***Note:** After the meeting, Ken Ross conversed with Kathy Bucklew, the Registrar, and it was decided that FFP 1000 will not need to be brought to AQC as a new course proposal. A BCI will be developed for the course and entered into Genesis as articulated credit only. This will be brought as an information item to the January AQC meeting.

Ray Oberg moved to approve; Christen Shea seconded. No further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

III.-XIII. Course Modifications: ATF 1100L, *Private Pilot Flight*; ATF 2210L, *Commercial Pilot Flight*; ATF 2305L, *Instrument Pilot Flight*; ATF 2403L, *Commercial Pilot Multi-Engine Flight*; ATF 2500L, *Certified Flight Instructor Airplane*; ATF 2510L, *Certified Flight Instructor Multi-Engine*; ATF 2530L, *Certified Flight Instructor Instrument*; ATF 3404L, *Commercial Pilot Multi-Engine Flight*; ATF 3502L, *Advanced Flight Instructor: Airplane*; ATF 3511L, *Advanced Flight Instructor: Multi-Engine*; ATF 3531L, *Advanced Flight Instructor: Instrument*
Presenter: Eric Crump

Eric Crump said that the Aerospace program has several students who rely on their Post 9/11 GI Bill benefits to pay for flight training costs. The VA has progressively become more rigorous with how they dispense funding to veterans and the schools they attend. Recently, the VA issued a directive that all college programs offering flight training courses should add to their college-catalog course descriptions the minimum approved number of training hours for each flight course. Each proposal has a different number of hours because the completion times vary by course. These changes would inform students that the VA will only pay for the minimum course completion time, and any additional training necessary to obtain a flight certificate or rating would be the students' financial responsibility. This would bring clarification and not physically change anything. The minimum training times were approved by the FAA long ago, and they have always been in effect and included in the syllabi for all flight courses.

Lorrie Jones moved to approve; Natalie Whitcomb seconded. No further discussion; motion passed unanimously.

Ray Oberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting; Mark Hartfield seconded. Meeting adjourned: 3:16 pm.