

AALT Meeting Minutes

12-5-13

In attendance: Grace Young (chairing for Bill Heineman), Shar Wolff, Janice Rogers, Nancy Garcia, Pat Demers, Linda Shea, Mary Farrell, Mark Rienhold, Donna Bertolino (note-taker.)

Absent: Bill Heineman, Chuck Phair, Sharon McDermott, Ellen Wentland, Diane Zold-Gross, Judy Zubrow

Core Academic Skills

The Core Academic Skills Implementation Committee has made a decision about which students will need to meet these requirements. See attached handout.

Effective FA2014, students who are enrolling at NECC for the first time and have absolutely no history with us on the credit side, and also are Matriculating into an Associate Degree program will be required to fulfill these requirements.

Core Academic Skills titles will be finalized soon for consistency. Currently one is listed as Written Communication in some places but as Writing in other places.

Some of the identified courses also meet 1, 2 or 3 of the core academic skills. However, the Ma transfer block requires 3 separate courses. The question has been raised as to whether our courses which fulfill more than one skill can be brought in and listed multiple times to show that it meets 1 or more of the requirements. Sue Shain is working on this.

There is still some confusion as to how to identify which students must or must not meet the requirement. Pat discussed how this can be tricky and problematic in some of the health programs but specifically Nursing. Students have been here for years, starting in other health programs and then matriculate into nursing. Their application to the college as of 2014 is what will trigger the new requirement.

The Core Academic Skills Implementation Committee is working with Marketing and Publications to create search tool for students to search which course fall into these categories. The Committee also created a chart to identify who should be trained in understanding these new requirements.

Other Discussion:

Nancy suggested that the petition to graduate include a statement indicating that students need to submit a DegreeWorks plan with the application. It is currently required but not everyone is aware of that.