**Minutes

*Horticulture*

Advisory Committee Meeting

Date | time 10/10/2018 at 2pm | Meeting called to order by Janet Gallagher

# In Attendance

Members Present:

Dan Davis—Weed Man

Matt Fredrickson—MWGC

Larry and Vickie Hubbard—PepperCreek

Catherine Marsh—Anderson Gardens

KC Members Present:

Rich Alde—Instructor

Matt Ewert—Instructor

Janet Gallagher—Instructor

Bette Chilton—Executive Dean of Career Technical Education

LaCretia Konan—Director of Business and Training Partnerships

# Review of Last Semester Minutes

Janet called the meeting to order and asked for introductions. The minutes from the spring meeting and consent agenda were approved. Janet gave a report on the fall enrollment with an increase in student head count but not as high as fall 17.

# Curriculum Updates

We informed the members the move to 1 degree to help improve the number of student completers. There was a recommendation to get statistics to compare the number of completers who used on line registration vs. Face to face with an advisor.

We discussed the changes with Field studies, NALP, and the Ireland field studies. Field studies.

1. Field Studies will be reduced from 5 different numbers to one which the course being repeatable up to 4 times and the name changed to Domestic Field Studies.
2. Ireland Field Studies needs an official number as it has run 3 times as a seminar course and the name changed to International Field Studies and will be non-repeatable.
3. NALP contest requires an official number as it has also run 3 times as a seminar course and can be repeated.

Larry moved to support the changes discussed and Catherine seconded the motion. A vote was taken and the motion passed.

The Department informed the members that we are going to reduce the number of degrees from 5 to one. This is going to help increase the number of completers in the program. Increasing the number of completers in the program is going to be important in regards to state funding within the program and the college. The changes will be brought to the spring meeting for discussion and approval.

# Industry Updates

Pepper creek – Sales up and down over the season due to weather but overall a good year

MWGC – Also saw sales up and down over the season and informed us of a shortage of skilled workers

Weed Man – Saw an increase in sales and is also having a hard time finding skilled workers.

Anderson Gardens – Sales are not a concern with them as it is for retail or wholesale horticultural companies. Catherine did mention that in the past they have hired high school students but after having two of our interns this past year they are going to continue hiring our interns.

# Questions for Advisory Committee Members

Bette reviewed the questions with the members present and noted their responses. One response from the members was a need for employees to have a higher level of technology.

# Horticulture Facilities Grant Update

Matt Fredrickson of MWGC questions us about the grant from the state to make improvements to the horticulture facilities. We informed him of some of the areas that will be addressed and that we would have more information by the spring meeting.

# Next Meeting

Tuesday, March 5, 2019 at 1:30pm

Meeting Adjourned.