I. New Courses – COLL 1500 College Success (revised) 3 credits

**DISCUSSION:** Pellissippi State revisited and revitalized the College Success course because V. Pl Lewis asked Kathy Byrd to put together a committee to look at how to make the course mandatory for all incoming freshmen. Whether the course should or should not be mandatory is not a decision for the Curriculum Committee, or is it part of the consideration of the course changes. We developed the course with first generation students in mind. The Student Learning Outcomes and Course Goals have changed as did the evaluation section of the syllabus. We have ideas for the course, notes K. Byrd, keeping the course flexible in the case on group want to teach with a specific population such as a dual enrollment/dual credit course versus an A.A.S. cohort section or to a class of students taking Reading course linked with College Success.

A CDC member noted that employers ask for soft skills. The new course has a new pedagogical focus, but do we have space to add tangible skills, such as how to set up an email account and how to save documents? The goals are more abstract, noted Dean Byrd, but we wanted to keep them brief. We hope to discuss specifics in the training at the beginning of each semester. Adding “practical skills” would be a topic in that training.

A CDC member noted that there is less research methods in this course and the library has seen the drop in students learning to use library resources. The PSCC library has discussed with UTK librarians a brek-out game to help students learn about library resources. When moving from study skills to career research, this would be a great place to add the library component. Dean Byrd stated that one of the changes made when moving from the Natural and Behavioral Sciences department to the English department was the shift in core assignments. We’ll be moving the instructor’s mindset to core assignments.

**ACTION:** Approved with editorial changes.

II. New Courses, AGRI 1020 Introduction to Animal Science 3 credits

**DISCUSSION:** There is some discomfort with UTK driving our curriculum. But with the TN Promis, we may get UTK students not able to handle the class. If PSCC students need the course, we support it. If UTK needs us to teach the course, that is different. The course was proposed before and was sent back repeatedly for revisions. Dr. Kojima reports that UTK is very happy to have the courses offered at PSCC. UT likes students
to take Animal Science early in the curriculum so that regardless of the students’ backgrounds, they start on a level playing field with upper-level courses. It sets the culture of Animal Sciences being rooted in Agriculture. It also gives students a chance to preview their major.

**ACTION:** Approved with editorial changes.

### III. New Courses, AGRI 2200 Animal Anatomy & Physiology 4 credits

**DISCUSSION:** A&P is a required sophomore course. It is the highest accuracy measurement for student success in the major. It is critical student shave this before their junior year. UTK has so many students that it is hard to get students through the course in time. Taking A&P at PSSC guarantees they complete the degree in time. PSCC student should not make it into UTK A&P because native students fill the courses. Dr. Kojima provided a PowerPoint on the rapid growth to the programs at UTK. CDC members asked, how many transfer students does UT have? Dr. Kojima does not know. How many Animal Science students does UT have? Dr. Kojima does not know. Dr. Barker noted that in 2014 we started the NSF grant for student in STEM fields. Part of grant is for Animal Science students.

Dr. Kane Barker reports that he has budgeted money to space to have an Animal A&P Lab. He reports that we can only judge student demand for animal A&P by the students taking botany courses at PSCC. He anticipates that we will have students from surrounding counties interested in the course. Dr. Kojima has no data on where students come from to attend the UTK animal A&P course. She believes that 25% of students at UTK are coming from Pellissippi State or Walters State.

Dr. Barker reports that the UTK Tennessee Transfer Guide is written but has not been approved yet. Dr. Kojima believes that having more students at UTK who have completed animal A&P will not cause a bottleneck with the 300-level courses required for the Animal Science degree.

**ACTION:** Approved with editorial changes.

### Fall 2016 Schedule of CDC Meetings

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*Deadline for summer and fall syllabi with updated book information is October 15.*