

ADDENDUM TO MINUTES
CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING
3:30 pm – 5:00 pm
Zoom
November 22, 2022

Amendment to Section II.e. of minutes previously approved:

II. Curriculum Proposals

- e. ECE Program Modifications and deletion of ECE AAS; associated course modifications

Discussion:

Per Tara, they were asked to delete the AAS by Dr. Ryan because it was determined that the AAS in ECE did not have enough graduates, graduates do not earn a living wage, and YC has too many degrees. The recommendation was to concentrate on the certificates and the AA with an ECE intent (already in place).

Question: Did the ECE Advisory Committee recommend deletion? Tara indicated that she had not met with them ~~after following~~ the decision. ~~, but she notified them by email, and per their responses, they were surprised and upset.~~

Question: Was there a recommendation to delete based on the program review process? No, the program just went through the review process, which was positive.

Comment regarding our state-of-the-art FEC facility and lab school.

Discussion regarding the need for some students to attain a degree (e.g., DES certification) and that ECE students, while there are exceptions, do not need to transfer to a bachelor's program.

Comment: Students could instead complete an Associate of General Studies, which has more hours open for major and elective studies than an AA. Also noted that there are currently 41 major and 19 gen ed hours in the ECE AAS; the AGS requires 28 gen ed and 32 major studies.

Perhaps the AGS would be an option if the major studies hours are "tightened up" and a couple moved up as required gen ed.

Discussion regarding asking all Yavapai County students to attend the FEC for their practicum hours and the impact on degree completion.

Motioned and seconded to not approve the proposals; vote taken; voted to not approve with three abstentions.