

Accounting Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes
April 21, 2022
Minnesota West Community & Technical College
Granite Falls Campus
Zoom Meeting

Members present: Rose Shellenberg, Lisa Olin, Alan Morohl, and special guest Judy Tebben.

Members absent: Coral Bogan, Peggy Plageman, Daneal Hauptert, Carla Anspach, Tammy Nichols, and Terry Rotschafer.

The meeting was called to order at 4:06 pm by Leslie Bauman. First item on the agenda were introductions as there were a couple new members.

Leslie indicated that the minutes from the last meeting had been sent out with the Zoom invite and asked if there was any discussion or changes that needed to be made. Minutes were accepted as is.

Special guest Judy Tebben, Dean of Customized Training and Technical Education, gave a presentation on the Higher Learning Commission reaccreditation visit informing the committee on the importance of their involvement in the process. She shared that Minnesota West passed our Higher Learning Commission with flying colors. Noting that this is a ten-year process and that a lot of work goes into this.

Discussion was held on the Accounting Transfer Pathway program. Judy indicated that this was being completed throughout the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities System aligning programs for ease of transferability to Minnesota universities. Other programs within Minnesota West also have Pathways already in place.

Leslie shared the Accounting Transfer Pathway AS program outline and discussion was held. The committee felt this would be an excellent option for the Accounting students at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Leslie shared it would also help the universities with hopefully more students transferring and with knowing that the material we cover is at the accepted level. Committee thought this was a definite win/win situation.

After a time of discussion, Leslie called for a vote on the Accounting Transfer Pathway AS. The vote was all in favor of approving the Accounting Transfer Pathway AS including a vote by email by those who were not able to attend.

Next Leslie went through the changes in the Accounting program that were implemented after the last meeting. Going through how the changes positively effected student learning and assessment.

Leslie presented three changes in the Accounting curriculum necessitated by software changes and textbook changes. First QuickBooks is going to a cloud-based application which means a

change in software and text. Leslie will be taking a class on this. Discussion was held and committee felt this would be a good change bringing students up to date. Second was a change in Intermediate Accounting text brought about by author no longer publishing. Leslie indicated that she had used the same text with updated versions for 30+ years so will be a big change. Discussion was held and Alan and Leslie commented on the depth and difficulty in reading this text. Leslie said she had read through some of the new text online and thinks that it will cover the same material and hopefully be at a better reading level. Other textbooks change yearly and Leslie tries to keep as updated as possible on software and texts for students.

Last item for discussion was a possible opportunity with the Montevideo High School to offer Principles of Accounting I at their school with Leslie team teaching with Monica Stueck. Judy informed the committee about our REACH program at Minnesota West Community and Technical College. Leslie will report back to the committee how this turns out as in the planning stage at this time.

Next meeting will hopefully be on campus in the fall.

No further discussion was held and Judy moved to adjourn the meeting and Rose seconded. Meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Leslie Bauman
Recorder