

***GBC Academic Standards Committee***

***Written Report***

September 11, 2015

8:30 – 10:00 a.m.

Elko: GTA 128

Winnemucca: GBC 124

Committee members present: Susanne Bentley, Chair; Barbara Conton, Danny Gonzales, Doug Hogan, George Kleeb, Scott Gavorsky, Steven Scilacci, Ex Officio: Jan King

Not Present: Mike Elbert (excused)

Guests: Dylan Angus, Amber Donnelly

The meeting was called to order at 8:30 a.m.

Dr. Amber Donnelly of the Nursing Department addressed the committee regarding a request for granting non-traditional credit. Each semester, GBC will admit 25 paramedics who have a current certification into the Paramedic AAS degree program. Those paramedics who have passed the NREMT exam will earn 29 credits toward the degree. The exam can be taken here. The paramedic program director will be responsible for verifying the student's certification prior to admission. Only certified Nevada paramedics will be admitted to the program.

The committee unanimously voted to approve the Nursing Department's request.

"Addendum A" of this report provides detailed information about the paramedic program challenge-by-exam structure.

"Addendum B" of this report is a letter from the executive director of the Committee on Accreditation for the EMS Professions, and it confirms that the process proposed by the Nursing Department is acceptable for granting non-traditional credit to existing NREMT Paramedics.

The committee also discussed the need to take a closer look at the number of credits that a student must take at GBC to earn honors distinction at graduation. Scott Gavorsky will pursue this and report back at our next meeting.

Under new business, the committee chair will need to arrange a grade appeal hearing requested by a student for a class taken in the spring, 2015, semester. The chair has reviewed the student's correspondence with the faculty member and the department chair and determined that all requests were made within the time limit. Due to some lapses of time with responses over the summer, the committee agreed to hear the appeal on September 18. Chair Bentley will provide members with a packet of information and contact all parties to arrange the hearing.

The October meeting date will be decided on at a later time.

The meeting adjourned at 10 a.m.

## "Addendum A" to the Academic Standards Committee Report for Sept. 11, 2015 meeting

### Paramedic Challenge by Examination

Challenge by Examination may be given to enrolled students who have accumulated a great deal of information outside the classroom with formal instruction. Students who would like to apply for the paramedic "challenge" would receive 29 credits for the Cognitive Examination for the NREMT Paramedic and Psychomotor section of the NREMT Paramedic Examination. A non-refundable fee of \$25.00 dollars will be charged for each student requesting the challenge exam paid to Admissions and Records. Students can submit for Challenge by Examination in the Fall and Spring semesters.

The current paramedic program is 39 credits with 21 General Education Credits. The student who completes the credit challenge would receive 29 credits by examination matched to the following courses in the paramedic program.

EMS 204 Principles of Anatomy and Pathophysiology	4 credits
EMS 206 Principles of Pharmacology Medication & Venus Access for the Paramedic	4 credits
EMS 207 Airway Management and Ventilation	2 credits
EMS 209 Patient Assessment for Paramedics	2 credits
EMS 210 Principles of Cardiology for Paramedics	3 credits
EMS 211 Paramedic Care for Medical Emergencies & ACLS	4 credits
EMS 212 Paramedic Trauma Emergencies & ITLS	4 credits
EMS 214 Pediatric & Special Considerations for the Paramedic & PALS	3 credits
EMS 215 Assessment Based Management Operations For the Paramedic	<u>3 credits</u>
<b>Total credit Match</b>	<b>29 Credits</b>

Students would then be required to take a 3 credits 48-hour paramedic refresher course in the paramedic program. To meet the general education requirements the student would complete 21 credits plus an addition 7 credits of the students choosing to meet the 60-credit AAS degree requirement.

"Addendum B" to the Academic Standards Committee Report for Sept. 11, 2015 meeting

On Tue, Sep 22, 2015 at 11:35 AM, Donnelly, Amber <[amber.donnelli@gbcnv.edu](mailto:amber.donnelli@gbcnv.edu)> wrote:

David,

Great talking with you today and hope that NEW Faculty orientation goes well.

Upon further review, it is clear that the process you describe for Credit By Exam is ACCEPTABLE as a means for existing NREMT Paramedics who might never have taken their education in a formal for credit setting to actually have those Semester Credit Hours (SCH) posted to a transcript. The pathway for these existing NREMT Paramedics to formalize their SCH and then apply that to an Associate of Applied Sciences (AAS) in EMS is commendable and is the method by which we increase the requirements for the profession. My read of this process is safe in that you are very carefully assuring that ONLY NREMT card carrying Paramedics are eligible for the process. We approve of that approach and wish you much success going forward. Please keep us updated on how the process is accepted by the community you serve.

Again, many thanks for bringing your question to our attention BEFORE implementing to assure you remain in compliance with CAAHEP accreditation Standards.

All the best,  
George

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