Napa Valley College

Viticulture and Winery Technology Program

Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

December 11, 2020 at 2:00 pm

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Attendance: Paul Gospodarczyk, Molly Hodgins, Alan Dixon, Monica Cooper, John Wilson, and Kaan Kurtural

I.   Welcome and Introductions

II.   General Announcements

III. Public Comment
   None

IV. Adoption of the Agenda
   Unanimous

V.   Approval of Minutes
   Unanimous

VI. Curriculum
   a. New Class
      i. **VWT 283 Cellar Master Operations** (3): Advanced course in cellar operations investigating leadership skills required for cellar supervision including winery planning, coordination, directing resources, and measuring outcomes to produce wines consistent with winery goals and winemaking protocols.

   Advisory board recognized the need for and relevance of the proposed class. Dr. Cooper emphasized the importance of leadership and Mr. Wilson cited the benefit of non-traditional delivery for working students. There was general conversation about winery management software.

   b. Local Certificates
      i. **Vineyard Management** (12)
         1. VWT 130 General Viticulture (3)
         2. VWT 231 Spring Viticulture Operations (3)
         3. VWT 232 Vineyard Management (3)
         4. WT 233 Advanced Viticulture (3)
      ii. **Vineyard Pest Scout** (9)
         1. VWT 130 General Viticulture (3)
         2. VWT 229 Summer Viticulture Operations (3)

        3. VWT 234 Integrated Pest Control for Grapes (3)
- iii. **Vineyard Pruning** (6)
  1. VWT 130 General Viticulture (3)
  2. VWT 134 Vineyard Pruning (3)
- iv. **Viticulture Operations** (9)
  1. VWT 130 General Viticulture (3)
  2. VWT 230 Fall Viticulture Operations (3)
  3. VWT 231 Spring Viticulture Operations (3)
- v. **Wine Laboratory Technician** (9)
  1. VWT 172 Laboratory Analysis of Musts & Wines (3)
  2. VWT 173 Sensory Evaluation of Wine (3)
  3. VWT 180 Fundamentals of Enology (3)
- vi. **Winery Management** (10)
  1. VWT 180 Fundamentals of Enology (3)
  2. VWT 271 Winery Management (3)
  3. VWT 275 Winery Compliance and Recordkeeping (1)
  4. VWT 281 Spring Winery Operations (3)
- vii. **Winery Operations** (9)
  1. VWT 180 Fundamentals of Enology (3)
  2. VWT 280 Fall Winery Operations (3)
  3. VWT 281 Spring Winery Operations (3)

c. Local Certificate with Distance Education Pilot
- i. **Wine Production** (18)
  1. VWT 172 Laboratory Analysis of Musts & Wines (3)
  2. VWT 173 Sensory Evaluation of Wine (3)
  3. VWT 180 Fundamentals of Enology (3)
  4. VWT 270 Advanced Winemaking (3)
  5. VWT 271 Winery Management (3)
  6. VWT 283 Cellar Master Operations (3)

Advisory board supported the certificates. Dr. Cooper discussed (1) the synergy with her programs, (2) the synergy with the community and the role of hobbyist growers, (3) the potential to work with more hobbyists, and (4) the need for more content on spray operations. Professor Hodgins discussed adding a new sprayer to the unit plan. Mr. Wilson emphasized the importance of additional certifications in the Wine Sales and Marketing program citing student interest in Sommelier and WSET credentials.

d. Associates Degree for Transfer; Wine Science and/or Viticulture
Advisory board supported the new associate's degree. Dr. Kurtural discussed the process to transfer to U.C. Davis. Development of the degree will continue with a focus on U.C. Davis, Fresno, CalPoly, and Bordeaux Agro Sciences.

e. Bachelor's Degree
Advisory board supported development of the bachelor's degree focused on wine production and facilities management. Dr. Kurtural discussed the differentiation

between NVC and CSU; cited the significant need for technical expertise as it relates to collaborating with engineers; identified a program at CSU Stanislaus that is experimenting with non-traditional delivery.

VII.   Equipment

Professor Gospodarczyk updated advisory board on the bottling line, cross flow filter, and expanding the laboratory. Professor Hodgins updated on potential industry partnerships, purchasing a seeder, and acquiring a new tractor. Dr. Cooper discussed the role of a tractor cab as it relates to spraying.

VIII.   New business

Omitted due to time

IX.   Adjourn

Unanimous