

Columbia College Wildland Fire Work Group Minutes

December 18, 2023 at 9:00am - Zoom

Attendees: Shane Warner, Andy Van Hoogmoed, Jen Fraser, Kevin Anderson, Torri Keever, Chris Shore, Mike Schmidt, Jake Trevino

New Business:

- Wildland Fire Degree and Certificate Pathways: Basic introduction was given with the minimum requirements. Kevin shared document (see attached)
- Introduce requirements for (COA) Certificates of Achievement: Mapped out 17.5 units. Fire 149 Rope Rescue Awareness/Operation updates were discussed. All courses will have face to face components. Fire 7 will go over budgets, politic side of industry, more in depth on topics, fire safe councils, currents events, and legality. Fire 111 Basic and Fire 270 need to be combined, potential name is Fire 112. When the topic of work experience was discussed the committee was unsure of the logistics and sustainable for students. Additional course considerations are small engine repair (AT-180) and Minimum Impact Suppression Tactics (MIST), wilderness culinary and emergency medical services.
- Introduce requirements for AA or AS Degree Pathways: Committee would like to see added courses with heavy equipment (CFNR150 & CFNR 152), Emergency Medical Technician (CEMS 4), radio communication, wildland firefighter survival safety. Students will choose from a list of courses to fulfill the unit requirement.
- Follow up on themes from Fire Technology Advisory Meeting: Create COA and AS that are in alignment with industry standards and obtainable to students.
- Share Current Curriculum/Classes that could be used in the Development of the Program
- Look at current Curriculum and Discuss Expanding the Curriculum: NWCG content
- Any Other Discussions: Potential for Work Experience and Credit For Prior Learning
- Assign Tasks for Future Meetings: COA will move forward
- Timeline: Will move forward with the Curriculum committee for the COA.

Agency Support:

- Instructors to participate in instruction (College Paperwork for New Hires)
- Training Facilities
- Site Visits to Agency partners
- Field Trips

Schedule Next Meeting - TBA

Adjourn Meeting @ 10:20am