

**OZARKS TECHNICAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE
ACADEMIC COUNCIL
Tuesday, April 27, 2021
Zoom Meeting**

AGENDA

- Plaster Manufacturing Center Update – Dr. Matt Hudson
- Bachelor’s in Respiratory Therapy – Dr. Aaron Light
- Center for Public Safety – Mr. Josh Freeman
- Animals on College Property: Policy Update – Dr. Megan Weaver
- Employability Skills Update – Dr. Drew Aberle
- Strategic Plan Update – Ms. Calie Holden
- Lineworker Expansion to Richwood Valley – Dr. Drew Aberle

Members:	*	Resource Members:	Attended
Lacey Ellis	4/4	Andrew Aberle	Yes
Cheryl Feller	3/4	Kim Cary	Yes
Rima Freeman	4/4	Dusty Childress	Yes
Jamie Hall	0/4	Julie Coltharp	
Michelle Hudgens	3/4	Scott Fiedler	Yes
Kerri Huff	1/4	Robyn Gordon	Yes
Faith Keithley	2/4	Rob Griffith	Yes
Kaylyn Martin	4/4	Norman Hill	Yes
Joy Mello	4/4	Matt Hudson	Yes
Janet Sell	3/4	Joanna Kramer	Yes
Michael Vest	2/4	Tracy McGrady	Yes
Piper Wilson	4/4	Gavin O’Connor	
		Lance Renner	Yes
		Matt Simpson	Yes
		Megan Weaver	Yes

*2020 - 2021 meetings attended/scheduled

Guests: Mr. Josh Freeman, Ms. Calie Holden, Dr. Aaron Light

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Plaster Manufacturing Center Update

Dr. Matt Hudson provided the group with an update on the progress of the Plaster Manufacturing Center. He walked through building plans and also shared which programs would be housed in the PMC. Dr. Hudson welcomed all to attend work sessions to learn more about the curriculum planning process.

Strategic Initiative #1: *Improve experiences at every point in the institution to increase opportunities for students to attain their educational goals.*

Bachelor's in Respiratory Therapy

The Missouri Coordinating Board for Higher Education has approved the college to offer a bachelor's degree in respiratory therapy. Dr. Aaron Light shared the preferred course pathway for the degree. Following the timeline for various accreditation approvals, the program should open Fall 2023.

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Center for Public Safety

The college has created a Center for Public Safety to educate local first responders and emergency management personnel. The Curriculum Committee has already approved an Associate of Applied Science in Emergency Management, which will begin in the Fall 2021 semester. Mr. Josh Freeman will serve as the interim director for the center.

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Animals on College Property: Policy Update

Dr. Megan Weaver shared a policy currently being updated to address animals on college property. She spoke specifically about the difference between service animals and emotional support animals and the unique ways the college can handle each.

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Employability Skills Update

To further explain the college's definition of employability skills, Dr. Aberle and members of the Strategic Initiative #3, Goal 1 workgroup created a new proposal that aligns with CORE42 values. During the 2021 – 2022 academic year, the proposal will begin to be integrated on divisional and program levels.

Strategic Initiative #3: *Actively engage the community and external groups to best meet the educational and workforce needs of OTC's service area.*

Strategic Plan Update

Ms. Calie Holden provided an update of progress made in the Strategic Plan, mentioning that three action plans would soon be taken to Cabinet for approval before implementation. She reminded those interested in joining a workgroup to use the [Strategic Plan website](#) or contact her directly (holdenc@otc.edu). The [website](#) can also be used to share work being done towards the progress of the plan.

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Lineworker Expansion to Richwood Valley Campus

Due to the success of the electrical lineworker program at the Lebanon Education Center, the program is going to be replicated at the Richwood Valley Campus. This rollout will begin Fall 2021. The college is still seeking a faculty member to lead the program.

Strategic Initiative #2: *Increase and sustain the college's physical and online capacity to ensure every citizen in OTC's service area has an opportunity to access college services.*

Dr. McGrady concluded the meeting by recognizing those whose terms are expiring and thanking them for their service on Academic Council.