
Curriculum Council Minutes Thursday, September 25, 2025

Voting Members Present:

Divya Ajintha, Annette Alvarado, Dr. Eric Aurand, Dr. David Barreto, Ennis Ballines, Colleen Budziak, Dr. Kimberly Chavis, Robert Cofield, Mark Crawford, Teri Fuller, Sharon Garcia, Lisa Giese, Dr. Rosianna Gray, Dr. Danielle Hardesty, Dr. Mary Beth Hutches, Elior Iseli, Amber Keare, Todd Laufenberg, Laura Meredith, Donna Mikrut, Jessica Moreno, Jon Nichols, Patricia Saccone, Dr. Tamekia Smith, Ne'Keisha Stepney, Jo Lynn Theobald

Voting Members Absent:

Dr. Reshmi Sen, Renee Skrabacz

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Kristine Cesario-Price, Marc Dale, Sarah Kocunik, Jo Sobieraj

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Laura Cronan, Mary Greenwood, Dr. Stacey Randall, Dr. Lisa Richardson

Faculty Presenter:

Debra Kayes Halpern

Provost

Dr. Kimberly Chavis

Chavis called the meeting to order at 2:33 p.m.

Chavis welcomed new members to the Council.

- Dr. Rosianna Gray, Dean for Teaching and Learning
- Renee Skrabacz, Dean for Industry and Technology
- Colleen Budziak, Instructor of Chemistry
- Mark Crawford, Professor of Mathematics
- Amber Keare, Instructor of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
- Jon Nichols, Assistant Professor of English
- Ennis Ballines, Student Representative
- Jo Sobieraj, Testing/Learning Assessment Services Representative

Teaching and Learning

Dean: Dr. Ro Gray

Cesario-Price stated she will distribute the updated Curriculum Council Procedures Manual to all committee members once available.

Academic Support

Dean: Jessica Moreno

No Submissions

Arts and Humanities

Dean: Dr. Danielle Hardesty

NEW Courses — First Read: Originator – Debra Kayes Halpern
([Second Read Required — Vote on October 23rd](#))

ART 113 Color Theory

1 lec/5 lab, 3.0 semester hours

ART 175 Design Thinking

1 lec/5 lab, 3.0 semester hours

ART 273 Graphic Design II

1 lec/5 lab, 3.0 semester hours

Effective date: Fall 2026

Summary of Changes: New courses proposed for a transfer pathway in Design and Visual Communications.

Rationale: We are creating a new Graphic Design transfer pathway to give our students a clear and seamless route into four-year programs at our partner institutions. This pathway ensures that students can transfer their credits efficiently, stay on track academically, and continue their education without barriers.

DECISION for ART 113, ART 175, and ART 273:

Kayes Halpern discussed a proposal for a transfer pathway which includes three new courses in Graphic Design. These new courses will be voted on at the October 23rd meeting.

Major Course Revision: Originator – Debra Kayes Halpern

Rationale: For consistency with other art course numbering system and general cleanup of outline.

ART 173 Graphic Design I

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

Effective date: Fall 2026

Summary of Changes: The addition of Roman numeral 1 due to new Graphic Design II course and updates to course objectives and institutional learning outcomes.

DECISION for ART 173:

Cesario-Price mentioned due to the Roman numeral 2 included in the title of new course Graphic Design II, the Roman numeral 1 was added to Graphic Design for consistency, which is already included according to ICCB. It was determined that this is a minor course revision vs. a

major course revision.

A vote was called and passed. This minor course revision will be **effective Fall 2026**.

Business and Social Science

Dean: Dr. Tamekia Smith

No Submissions

Mathematics and Science

Dean: Dr. Eric Aurand

No Submissions

Industry and Technology

Dean: Renee Skrabacz

No Submissions

Health Professions and Public Service

Dean: Bob Cofield

No Submissions

New Business:

Chavis asked if anyone had any updates they would like to share. The following was shared.

- Saccone shared HIT is working on competency-based curriculum changes.
- Smith shared she is working with faculty on developing two new certificates and a name change for a Marketing course.
- Chavis shared there have been a lot of requests from students for the revival of the Sonography Program that was approved in year 2022. She emphasized the need for the curriculum to be updated to align with industry requirements.
- Chavis highlighted the possibility of assessing the industry demand for the Criminal Justice Program that had been sunset in year 2024, due to student interest.
- Chavis also shared the possibility of reinstating the Massage Therapy Program which had been sunset in year 2024.
- Stepney shared that labor market data will continue to be analyzed and shared with the Council.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further agenda items, Chavis moved to end the meeting at 3:09 p.m. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of the Curriculum Council will be held on October 23rd at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.