



Curriculum Council Minutes

Thursday, November 13, 2025

Voting Members Present:

Dr. Eric Aurand, Dr. David Barreto, Maribeth Brown, Colleen Budziak, Dr. Kimberly Chavis, Robert Cofield, Mark Crawford, Teri Fuller, Lisa Giese, Dr. Rosianna Gray, Dr. Danielle Hardesty, Dr. Mary Beth Hutches, Elior Iseli, Amber Keare, Laura Meredith, Donna Mikrut, Jessica Moreno, Jon Nichols, Patricia Saccone, Dr. Tamekia Smith, NeKeisha Stepney

Voting Members Absent:

Divya Ajinth, Annette Alvarado, Ennis Ballines, Sharon Garcia, Todd Laufenberg, Dr. Reshma Sen, Renee Skrabacz

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Kristine Cesario-Price, Laura Cronan, Marc Dale, Mary Greenwood, Sarah Kocunik, Sharon Rainbolt, Dr. Lisa Richardson, Jo Sobieraj

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

Dr. Stacey Randall

Faculty Presenter:

Colleen Budziak

Provost

Dr. Kimberly Chavis

Chavis called the meeting to order at 2:32 p.m.

Teaching and Learning

Dean: Dr. Ro Gray

No Announcements

Academic Support

Dean: Jessica Moreno

No Submissions

Arts and Humanities

Dean: Dr. Danielle Hardesty

No Submissions

Business and Social Science

Dean: Dr. Tamekia Smith

No Submissions

Mathematics and Science

Dean: Dr. Eric Aurand

Major Course Revisions: Originator – Colleen Budziak

Rationale: This revision is necessary to provide students with the time for deep engagement in the material to achieve a mastery of the content. This correlates to the format of the equivalent courses at other area colleges and universities, such as College of DuPage, Elgin Community College, Harper College and Aurora University. The increased hours will allow students to achieve a higher level of competency in the coursework, which is necessary to prepare students for careers in engineering, health and science fields.

CHM121 General Chemistry

3 lec/3 lab 4.0 semester hours **TO** 4 lec/3 lab 5.0 semester hours

CHM122 Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis

3 lec/3 lab 4.0 semester hours **TO** 4 lec/3 lab 5.0 semester hours

Effective date: Fall 2026

Summary of Changes: This proposal requests a major course revision for Chemistry 121 and 122, changing its structure from a 4-credit hour format to a 5-credit hour format, increasing lecture hour by 1.

DECISION for CHM121 and CHM122:

The following items were discussed and recommended:

- The English and math prerequisite requirements are not necessary.
- A “C or better” grade requirement in CHM 121 for CHM 122 should be added.
- Provide clarity of the CHM122 course description, which might confuse students and faculty.
- A review of the Associate in the Engineering Science degree requirements would be necessary since the changes would impact the degree.

It was decided that Budziak would present the recommended changes to Nancy Christensen, Associate Professor of Chemistry, and brought back to the next meeting of the Council on December 4th to be voted on at that time.

Industry and Technology

Dean: Renee Skrabacz

No Submissions

Health Professions and Public Service

Dean: Bob Cofield

No Submissions

Workforce Education

Manager: Suzanne Markin

No Submissions

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further agenda items, Chavis moved to end the meeting at 2:54 p.m. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of Curriculum Council will be held on December 4th at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.