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**Curriculum Council  
Minutes  
Thursday, January 29, 2026**

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**Voting Members Present:**

Divya Ajinth, Dr. Eric Aurand, Ennis Ballines, Dr. David Barreto, Colleen Budziak, Dr. Kimberly Chavis, Robert Cofield, Mark Crawford, Sharon Garcia, Lisa Giese, Dr. Rosianna Gray, Dr. Danielle Hardesty, Dr. Mary Beth Hutches, Elior Iseli, Amber Keare, Todd Laufenberg, Michelle Lindquist (in Teri Fuller's absence), Laura Meredith, Donna Mikrut, Jessica Moreno, Jon Nichols, Patricia Saccone, Dr. Reshmi Sen, Renee Skrabacz, Dr. Tamekia Smith, Ne'Keisha Stepney, Jo Lynn Theobald

**Voting Members Absent:**

Annette Alvarado, Teri Fuller

**Ex-Officio Members Present:**

Kristine Cesario-Price, Laura Cronan, Marc Dale, Mary Greenwood, Terry Lyons, Sharon Rainboldt, Jo Sobieraj

**Ex-Officio Members Absent:**

Sarah Kocunik, Dr. Stacey Randall, Dr. Lisa Richardson

**Guest Present:**

Dr. Scott Peska

**Faculty Presenter:**

Vicky Archos

**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

**Minor Course Revision:** Originator – Vicky Archos

*Rationale:* Language to course objectives and course outcomes cleaned up to eliminate redundancy. Per data collection over the years, it was decided to update institutional learning outcomes and required text to more fully align with Oral Communication.

### **COM100 Fundamentals of Speech Communication**

3 lec/0 lab 3.0 semester hours

*Summary of Changes:* Updates to course objectives, course outcomes, institutional learning outcomes, and required text.

### **DECISION for COM100:**

Archos mentioned the course objectives and outcomes were updated to remove redundancy. The institutional learning outcome was updated to emphasize oral communication. The required textbook was updated to the latest edition. Rainboldt raised a question about the textbook update for dual credit courses. Stepney confirmed that a one-year grace period for high schools using older editions had been a past practice as long as there were no significant differences between them.

Chavis moved for a motion to vote on this minor course revision for COM100. Theobald so moved and Cofield seconded the motion. A vote was called and passed. These course revisions 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**

## **Other Business**

- **Textbook Selection Policy:** The faculty discussed textbook selection policies regarding whether to list one required textbook or allow flexibility for instructors to choose from multiple options. It was agreed that more discussion was needed to determine the best approach, considering factors such as student clarity, learning outcomes, and consistency across courses. Chavis mentioned plans to form a subgroup to review textbook adoption processes. Volunteers for the subgroup should contact Cesario-Price. Saccone reminded the council to follow the procedures outlined on page 18 in the CBA regarding textbook changes.
- **New Curriculum Faculty Champion (NCFC) Role:** Chavis explained that curriculum champions would serve as institutional consultants to support subject matter experts in creating courses and meeting accreditation standards. Faculty members would provide support to the curriculum development process.

**Meeting Adjourned:**

With no further agenda items, Chavis moved to end the meeting at 3:04 p.m. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of Curriculum Council will be held on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.