



**Curriculum Council
Minutes
Thursday, February 19, 2026**

Voting Members Present:

Divya Ajinth, Annette Alvarado, Dr. Eric Aurand, Colleen Budziak, Dr. Kimberly Chavis, Robert Cofield, Mark Crawford, Ellen Field (in Jo Lynn Theobald's absence), Sharon Garcia, Lisa Giese, Dr. Rosianna Gray, Dr. Danielle Hardesty, Dr. Mary Beth Hutches, Elier Iseli, Amber Keare, Todd Laufenberg, Joshua Mattern (in Teri Fuller's absence), Laura Meredith, Donna Mikrut, Jessica Moreno, Patricia Saccone, Dr. Reshmi Sen, Renee Skrabacz, Dr. Tamekia Smith

Voting Members Absent:

Ennis Ballines, Dr. David Barreto, Teri Fuller, Jon Nichols, Ne'Keisha Stepney, Jo Lynn Theobald

Ex-Officio Members Present:

Kristine Cesario-Price, Marc Dale, Mary Greenwood, Sarah Kocunik, Terry Lyons, Sharon Rainbolt, Jo Sobieraj

Ex-Officio Members Absent:

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

Faculty Presenters

Doug Jeppesen, Dr. Heather LaCost, Guy Tiberio, Manny Chavez, Audrie Kent

Provost

Dr. Kimberly Chavis

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

Teaching and Learning

Dean: Dr. Ro Gray

Curriculum Policies and Procedures – Kris Cesario-Price

Cesario-Price asked the committee to review the 2025-2026 manual on the Curriculum Council website and send any comments, suggestions, or updates to her. A small committee will meet and present the updates at March 26 council meeting for a vote on April 23.

Academic Support

Dean: Jessica Moreno

No Submissions

Arts and Humanities

Dean: Dr. Danielle Hardesty

Art: Originator – Doug Jeppesen

Major Course Revision:

Rationale: To align with other studio art course credits.

ART 231 Materials: Clay and Glaze Development

0 lec/2 lab 1.0 semester hours **TO** 1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Change to lecture, lab, and credit hours; updates to course description, required text, and supplementary texts and related materials.

DECISION for ART 231:

Jeppesen stated the changes will align with other studio art courses.

Chavis moved for a motion for a vote on these major course revisions. Saccone so moved and Alvarado seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These major course revisions will be **effective Fall 2026**.

Business and Social Science

Dean: Dr. Tamekia Smith

Psychology: Originator – Dr. Heather LaCost

Minor Course Revision:

Rationale: To keep the course up-to-date and relevant.

PSY 100 Introduction to Psychology

3 lec/0 lab 3.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Removal of course objectives, revisions to required and supplementary texts/related material, and updates to course topics.

DECISION for PSY 100:

LaCost stated the course had not been updated with more modern topics since 2019.

Chavis moved for a motion to vote on these minor course revisions. Smith so moved and Hardesty seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These minor course revisions will be **effective Fall 2026**.

Mathematics and Science

Dean: Dr. Eric Aurand

No Submissions

Industry and Technology

Dean: Renee Skrabacz

Automotive Technology: Originator – Guy Tiberio

Minor Course Revisions:

Rationale: updating prereqs to prompt students into appropriate classes.

AUT 120 Engine Service II

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 124 Automotive Fuel and Emission Systems

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 231 Automatic Transmissions/Transaxles

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 232 Advanced Brakes and Suspension Systems

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 243 Advanced Engine Control Systems

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 245 Automotive Heating and Air Conditioning

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 246 Automotive Accessories and Diagnostics

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 249 Hybrid and Electric Vehicle Systems

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 250 Light Duty Diesel Service and Repair

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

AUT 255 Comprehensive Diagnostic Principles

1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Recommended prereqs upgraded to Enforced prereqs.

DECISION for AUT 120, AUT 124, AUT 231, AUT 232, AUT 243, AUT 245, AUT 246, AUT 249, AUT 250, and AUT 255:

Tiberio explained that classes fill up quickly so students often enroll in advanced classes without completing prerequisites, leading to poor learning outcomes and inefficient use of instructor time.

Chavis moved for a motion to vote on these major course revisions. Saccone so moved and Iseli seconded the motion. A vote was called and passed. These major course revisions will be **effective Fall 2026**.

Course Withdrawal:

Rationale: This course is no longer part of any degree or certificate within the AUT program. Formally withdrawing it so that a similar version can be offered as a non-credit course.

AUT 248 Classic Car Care and Service

2 lec/2 lab 3.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Course withdrawal from AUT programs.

DECISION for AUT 248:

Tiberio stated the plan to offer AUT 248 as a non-credit course.

Chavis moved for a motion to vote on this course withdrawal. Saccone so moved and Iseli seconded the motion. A vote was called and passed. This course withdrawal will be **effective Fall 2026**.

Welding Technology: Originator – Manny Chavez

Minor Program Revisions:

Rationale: Oxy-Fuel welding process is not as widely used in the industry. It will be available as an elective and *Survey of Welding* is a foundational course that should be taken by every student.

WLD 890A Welding Technology Associate in Applied Science

60 Total Sem Hrs

WLD 893C Welding Certificate of Achievement

15 Total Sem Hrs

WLD 895B Advanced Welding Certificate of Achievement

30 Total Sem Hrs

Summary of Changes: removal of WLD115 (3 sem hours) and addition of WLD100 (3 sem hours.) No change in total program hours.

DECISION for WLD 890A, WLD 893C, and WLD 895B:

Chavez explained the removal of the 3-credit welding 115 Oxyfuel course and replacing it with the Welding 100 Survey of Welding course. He stated there is a decline in industry demand for oxyfuel welding and a need to focus on more commonly used welding processes.

Chavis moved for a motion to vote on these minor program revisions. Saccone so moved and Smith seconded the motion. A vote was called and passed. These program revisions will be **effective Fall 2026**.

Health Professions and Public Service

Dean: Bob Cofield

Nurse Assistant: Originator – Audrie Kent

Minor Course Revision:

Rationale: Information regarding the exam fees being paid by the course fees will need to be removed. The exam fees have changed by the state of Illinois now to \$85, so the price may continue to increase and fluctuate. Also, the college is no longer purchasing the exam for the students. The students need to enroll in the exam independently from the school when they are added to the Healthcare Worker Registry and updated in the system to having completed the program at the end of the semester.

NAS 101 Basic Nurse Assistant Training

3 lec/7 lab 6.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Update to course scheduling notes and required texts.

DECISION for NAS 101:

Kent stated course scheduling notes and required texts were updated related to the students being responsible for paying for their own state competency exams through IDPH as opposed to the college paying for them and the fees for the exam being changed.

Chavis moved for a motion to vote on these minor course revisions. Giese so moved and Saccone seconded the motion. A vote was called and passed. These minor course revisions will be **effective Summer 2026**.

Other Business

Cesario-Price reminded the Council that proposal entries are due in CurricUNET by Wednesday, March 4 to be added to March 26 agenda.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further agenda items, Chavis moved to end the meeting at 3:11 p.m. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of Curriculum Council will be held on March 26th at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.