WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Curriculum Council
Minutes
Thursday, September 10, 2026

AGENDA

Voting Members Present:
Divya Ajinth, Dr. David Barreto, Colleen Budziak, Dr. Kimberly Chavis, Robert Cofield, Mark Crawford, Sharon Garcia, Diana Garcia-Padilla, Lisa Giese, Dr. Rosianna Gray, Elior Iseli, Amber Keare, Todd Laufenberg, Dr. Akaki Luhahi, Joshua Mattern, Dr. Jeanine McMillen, Donna Mikrut, Jessica Moreno, Tim Moriarty, Dr. Tamekia Smith, Dr. Scott Peska, Patricia Saccone, Dr. Reshmi Sen, Ne'Keisha Stepney, Jo Lynn Theobald

Voting Members Absent:
Adam Burke, Dr. David Deeds, Jon Nichols, Renee Skrabacz

Ex-Officio Members Present:
Kristine Cesario-Price, Laura Cronan, Marc Dale, Mary Greenwood, Sarah Kocunik, Terry Lyons, Sharon Rainbolt, Dr. Lisa Richardson, Jo Sobieraj

Ex-Officio Members Absent:
Dr. Stacey Randall

Faculty Presenters and Guests:
Toni Ford, Monica Lagesse, Suzanne Markin

Provost and Vice President of Teaching, Learning, and Student Success
Dr. Kimberly Chavis

Chavis called the meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. She announced this special council meeting was called to present a new Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.

Chavis welcomed the following new members and student representative.
- Dr. Akaki Luhahi, Director of Nursing
- Dr. David Deeds, Interim Dean for Mathematics and Science
- Adam Burke, Librarian/Assistant Professor
- Joshua Mattern, Professor of English Developmental Education
- Tim Moriarty, Associate Professor of Information Systems
- Diana Garcia-Padilla, Student Representative

Health Professions and Public Service
Dean: Bob Cofield

Diagnostic Medical Sonography: Originator – Toni Ford, Sr Program Dev Coord

Subject Matter Expert: Tamekia Smith, Dean for Business and Social Science

Faculty Champion: Monica Lagesse, Associate Professor of Nursing

NEW Courses — First Read
(Second Read Required — Vote on September 24th)

DMS 100 Introduction to Sonography and Patient Care
3 lec/0 lab, 3.0 semester hours

DMS 110 Clinical Ethics and Sonographic Procedures
3 lec/0 lab, 3.0 semester hours

DMS 120 Introduction to Cross-Sectional Anatomy
1 lec/0 lab, 1.0 semester hour

DMS 130 Abdominal Sonography I
3 lec/2 lab, 4.0 semester hours

DMS 140 Obstetrics/Gynecology Sonography I
3 lec/2 lab, 4.0 semester hours

DMS 150 Sonography Clinical I
0 lec/6 lab, 3.0 semester hours

DMS 160 Ultrasound Physics and Instrumentation I
2 lec/2 lab, 3.0 semester hours

DMS 210 Superficial & Specialized Structures
2 lec/2 lab, 3.0 semester hours

DMS 230 Abdominal Sonography II
3 lec/2 lab, 4.0 semester hours

DMS 240 Obstetrics/Gynecology Sonography II
3 lec/2 lab, 4.0 semester hours

DMS 250 Sonography Clinical II
0 lec/8 lab, 4.0 semester hours

DMS 260 Ultrasound Physics/Instrumentation II
2 lec/2 lab, 3.0 semester hours

DMS 270 Applications of Sonography
2 lec/2 lab, 4.0 semester hours

DMS 280 Foundations of Vascular Sonography
3 lec/2 lab, 4.0 semester hours

DMS 298 Sonography Clinical III
0 lec/8 lab, 4.0 semester hours

Effective date: Fall 2027

Summary of Changes: New courses for proposed Diagnostic Medical Sonography program.

Rationale: To prepare students to demonstrate entry-level diagnostic sonography instrumentation skills and effective communication skills with patients and all members of the healthcare team.

1. NEW Program — First Read
   (Second Read Required — Vote on September 24th)

   DMS 415A Diagnostic Medical Sonography Associate in Applied Science
   77.0 semester hours

   Effective date: Fall 2027

   Summary of Changes: New program added to the list of HPPS disciplines.

   Rationale: The proposed Diagnostic Medical Sonography program will provide students with instruction on how to document and present sonographic findings accurately for interpretation by a physician. Evaluate abnormal and normal sonographic appearances according to industry standards. Demonstrate entry-level diagnostic sonography instrumentation skills and effective communication skills with patients and all members of the healthcare team.

DISCUSSION for NEW DMS COURSES and NEW DMS 415A Program:
Smith shared her background in sonography which includes 20 years of experience. Both Smith and Lagesse provided input regarding the courses.

The course sequence was detailed, including abdominal and vascular sonography. It was suggested to reword course outcomes for courses DMS130 and DMS230, as well as renumber DMS110 and DMS210, to better show progression. Clean up work on various course topics as well as adding the 'm' code (Major course requires a minimum grade of C) to all courses in the program was also suggested and discussed.

Smith discussed making verbiage changes to show progression from Clinical 1 to Clinical 2.

It was stated that MTH101 was chosen as a prerequisite, but any math course can be taken. It was mentioned that it would be beneficial if there was a specific nursing math course. It was noted there was one in the past, and Cesario-Price will research the Mathematics for Health Careers course from the '98-'99 catalog.

Smith explained that course DMS280 would provide an introductory level vascular sonography skill set based on feedback from clinical partners at Rush who expressed a high demand for students with vascular experience, though the course would not provide board certification or credentialing. Cofield stated it is a critical component that will set students apart for employment.

Smith clarified how the credentialing system works, explaining that students must pass the physics exam once and then take specific specialty exams to become licensed in different areas.

Chavis stated there is a plan to hire a full time Sonography Program Coordinator and have designated lab space for the program.

The second read and vote for these DMS courses and program will be at the Curriculum Council meeting on the September 24, 2026.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further agenda items, Chavis moved to end the meeting at 3:48 p.m. Hearing no objections, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting of Curriculum Council will be held on September 24th at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.