WAUBONSEE COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Curriculum Council
Minutes
Thursday, September 24, 2026

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

Voting Members Absent:
Dr. Kimberly Chavis, Dr. Rosianna Gray, Jon Nichols

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

Ex-Officio Members Absent:
Marc Dale, Sarah Kocunik, Dr. Stacey Randall

Faculty Presenters and Guests
Debra Kayes Halpern, Assistant Professor of Art
Dr. Heather LaCost, Professor of Psychology *for Lisa Fozio-Thielk*
Steven Skaggs, Professor of Business and Information Systems
Colleen Budziak, Instructor of Chemistry
Mark Crawford, Professor of Mathematics *for Steve Kifowit*
Joe Kloke, Assistant Professor of Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
Donna Mikrut, Instructor of Manufacturing Technology
Toni Ford, Sr Program Dev Coord
Monica Lagesse, Associate Professor of Nursing

Assistant Provost of Teaching and Learning
Sharon Garcia

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

Division of Teaching and Learning
Senior Curriculum Coordinator: Kris Cesario-Price

Cesario-Price reviewed the updates to the 2026-2027 Curriculum Council Procedures manual.

- 2025-2026 references updated to 2026-2027
- addition of Assistant Provost of Academic and Student Success
    - changed Administrative Representation to 12
- references to HLC Substantive Change added for more clarity

- annual updates to Appendix C (ICCB manual)
- 2026-2027 ICCB and HLC Board Meeting dates
- revised Curriculum Council agenda and meeting dates for 2026-2027

DECISION for 2026-2027 CURRICULUM COUNCIL PROCEDURES MANUAL:
The concern was raised regarding new programs being proposed at the first meeting in fall and first meeting in spring only. Stepney noted the need for clarification regarding flexibility for RISE programs and agreed to bring the topic back to a future meeting for discussion.

Stepney moved for a motion to vote on the updates to the 2026-2027 Curriculum Procedures manual. Theobald so moved and the motion seconded. The vote was called and passed. The updates will be **effective Fall 2026**.

Academic Support
Dean: Jessica Moreno

No Submissions

Arts and Humanities
Interim Dean: Dr. Jeanine McMillen

Art: Originator – Debra Kayes Halpern

Minor Course Revisions:
Rationale: The current prereq and coreq are not needed for these courses and are currently affecting enrollment.

ART 173 Graphic Design I
1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

ART 175 Design Thinking
1 lec/5 lab 3.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Removal of enforced prereq (173) and recommended coreq (175).

DECISION for ART 173 and ART 175:
Cleanup changes were be made to improve enrollment and remove unnecessary prerequisites.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on these minor course revisions. Theobald so moved and Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These minor course revisions will be **effective Spring 2027**.

Minor Program Revision:
Rationale: Course cleanup found during Degree Works Discovery and new ART electives added to program.

AFA1 - Associate in Fine Arts
61.0 total semester hours

Summary of Changes: Removal & addition of course numbers and updates to verbiage to match WCC catalog.

DECISION for AFA1:
The AFA program was updated to include newly approved design courses in preparation of NASAD accreditation.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on this minor program revision. Saccone so moved and Theobald seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. This minor program revision will be **effective Fall 2026**.

Business and Social Science
Dean: Dr. Tamekia Smith

Psychology: Originator – Lisa Fozio-Thielk

1. NEW Course — First Read:
   (Second Read Required — Vote on October 22)

   PSY 225 Childhood and Adolescent Psychology
   3 lec/0 lab 3.0 semester hours

   Effective date: Summer 2027

   Summary of Changes: New course proposed as an additional psychology elective.

   Rationale: This course is being presented to provide an option for students who would like to learn about both child and adolescent psychology but do not have the time or space in their schedule to take separate Child and Adolescence Psychology courses. For example, teachers who will become certified to teach K-12 may want to take this combined course, as may other students interested in understanding children and adolescents who want a single course for their schedules.

DISCUSSION for PSY 225:
LaCost presented a proposal to create a combined three-credit course for childhood and adolescent psychology, which would allow students to meet their needs without having to take two separate courses.

The second read and vote for this new course will be held at the next Curriculum Council meeting on October 22, 2026.

Computer Information Systems: Originator – Steven Skaggs

Minor Course Revision:
Rationale: Minor changes made to remain compliant with BUS 902 IAI status.

CIS 110 Business Information Systems
3 lec/0 lab 3.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Updates to course description, objectives, and topics.

DECISION for CIS 110:
This minor course revision included updates to the course description, objectives, and topics to align with IAI changes and modernize terminology and software packages. There was a discussion about potentially adding Microsoft Power BI to CIS 110, with Skaggs agreeing to explore this possibility, though Moriarty noted that Power BI aspects are already covered in CIS 112.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on this minor course revision. Iseli so moved and Theobald seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. This minor course revision will be **effective Spring 2027**.

Mathematics and Science
Interim Dean: Dr. David Deeds

Chemistry: Originator – Colleen Budziak

Major Course Revisions:
Rationale: These updates are necessary to retain IAI status and accordance with The Illinois Articulation Initiative.

CHM 121 General Chemistry
3 lec/3 lab 4.0 semester hours ***TO*** 4 lec/3 lab 5.0 semester hours

CHM 122 Chemistry and Qualitative Analysis
3 lec/3 lab 4.0 semester hours ***TO*** 4 lec/3 lab 5.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: The original revisions were approved through curriculum council last fall; however, IAI did not accept changes as-is. Updates to enforced prereqs and lab compliance have been made for alignment with IAI. Upon approval, the courses will be resubmitted to IAI for the upcoming fall review. Required text information has also been updated.

DECISION for CHM 121 and CHM 122:
Budziak explained that the state required "enforced high school chemistry or equivalent" wording and confirmed that CHM 100 would be considered equivalent. There was a discussion about how the lab component would be combined into the 5-credit course structure, as well as how high school completion would be tracked.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on this major course revision. Crawford so moved and Theobald seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These major course revisions will be **effective Fall 2027**.

Mathematics: Originator – Steve Kifowit

Minor Course Revision:
Rationale: One obsolete course objective is being removed. Four course objectives are being added. These new objectives are being added for clarity only. They have been covered topics in the course, and the addition of the new objectives are not changing the content of the course.

MTH 236 Introduction to Linear Algebra
4 lec/0 lab 4.0 semester hours

***Summary of Changes*:** Updates to course description, objectives, topics, and required text.

DECISION for MTH 236:
Crawford presented updates to the MTH 236 linear algebra course outline, which Kifowit reviewed and cleaned up, including removing an outdated numerical methods topic.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on these minor course revisions. Saccone so moved and Iseli seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These minor course revisions will be **effective Spring 2027**.

Industry and Technology
Dean: Renee Skrabacz

Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning: Originator – Joe Kloke

Major Course Revisions:
Rationale: Update needed to properly reflect the content of the class.

HVA 165 HVAC/R Safety
1 lec/2 lab 2.0 semester hours ***TO*** 1 lec/**0** lab **1.0** semester hour

Summary of Changes: Total credit and lab hours decreased impacting total program credits for HVA 800A and HVA 804C.

DECISION for HVA 165:
Kloke discussed changes to HVA 165, explaining that content was moved to a new HVA 162 course to avoid duplicate certifications, reducing HVAC 165 to 1 credit hour.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on these major course revisions. Theobald so moved and Crawford seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These major course revisions will be **effective Spring 2027**.

Major Program Revisions:
Rationale: Updates needed to properly reflect program content.

HVA 800A Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning A.A.S
61 total semester hours ***TO*** 60 total semester hours

HVA 804C Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning Certificate
22 total semester hours ***TO*** 21 total semester hours

Summary of Changes: Program totals decreased as a result of changes to HVA165 course.

DECISION for HVA 800A and HVA 804C:
The total credit hours were adjusted in the AAS degree and certificate programs due to the HVA 165 course changes.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on these major program revisions. Theobald so moved and Iseli seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These major program revisions will be **effective Spring 2027**.

Machine Tool Technology – Donna Mikrut

Minor Course Revision:
Rationale: Course revisions better align with industry needs.

MTT 115 Manual Machine Shop Operations
1 lec/4 lab 3.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Updates to course objectives and outline.

DECISION for MTT 115:
Mikrut presented a minor revision for MTT 115, including updates to course objectives and removing references to surface grinders in favor of pedestal grinders.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on these minor course revisions. Theobald so moved and McMillen seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These minor course revisions will be **effective Spring 2027**.

Course Withdrawals:
Rationale: These courses are not being taught and are not part of MTT certificate or degree programs

MTT 103 Manufacturing Processes/Production
2 lec/0 lab 2.0 semester hours

MTT 104 Maintenance Awareness
2 lec/0 lab 2.0 semester hours

MTT 105 Green Production
2 lec/0 lab 2.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Withdrawal from WCC curriculum.

DECISION for MTT 103, MTT 104 and MTT 105:
These courses were part of a former Manufacturing Skills Standards Council grant but had never been offered.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on these course withdrawals. Theobald so moved and Saccone seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These courses will be withdrawn **effective Spring 2027**.

Water/Wastewater Technology – Dr. Sheela Vemu

Minor Course Revision:
Rationale: To ensure student success.

WTE 109 Science for Water Technology
2 lec/2 lab 3.0 semester hours

Summary of Changes: Addition of enforced prereqs.

DECISION for WTE 109:
Skrabacz realized WTE 111 was not listed as an enforced prereq for WTE 109.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on this minor course revision. Saccone so moved and Theobald seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. This minor course revision will be **effective Fall 2027**.

Health Professions and Public Service
Dean: Bob Cofield

Diagnostic Medical Sonography: SME: Tamekia Smith, Dean for Bus & Social Science
Faculty Champion: Monica Lagesse, Associate Professor of Nursing

New Courses:
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.

DMS 100 Introduction to Sonography and Patient Care
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 145 Clinical Ethics and Sonographic Procedures
3 lec/0 lab, 3.0 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 230 Abdominal Sonography II
3 lec/2 lab, 4.0 semester hours

DMS 235 Superficial & Specialized Structures
2 lec/2 lab, 3.0 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.

DECISION for DMS COURSES:
The council acknowledged significant resource challenges with biology courses currently having long waitlists. Plans to hire a program coordinator and address faculty and space needs to support the new program were noted.

Garcia moved for a motion to vote on these new courses. Saccone so moved and Theobald seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. These new courses will be **effective Fall 2027**.

New Program:
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.

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.

DECISION for DMS 415A:
An initial cohort of 8-10 students starting in Fall 2027 is planned. Garcia moved for a motion to vote on this new program. Saccone so moved and Theobald seconded the motion. The vote was called and passed. This new program will be **effective Fall 2027**.

Meeting Adjourned:

With no further agenda items, Garcia 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 22nd at 2:30 p.m. via Zoom.