



Program Research and Recommendation MINUTES April 15, 2024

Members Present

Erik Shearer, Co-Chairperson	Jessica Jackson, Articulation Officer
Jess Vickery, Co-Chairperson	Colin Ferguson, Physical Science
John Dahlgren, Drafting	Irma Gonzalez Cuadros, Academic Senate V.P.
Donna Davis, Chair, Curriculum Committee	Brian Murphy, Director, Institutional Research
Teresa Doyle, Dean	

Members Absent

Ana Duenas, CTE Student Senator	Bobby Walden, Counselor
Tierra Lloyd, Mathematics	

Guests Present

Cynthia Bynoe, Chair, Sociocultural Studies	Patrick McDougall, Physics
Connie Dickens, Dean's Secretary	Carrie Monlux, Dean
Mandeep Grewal, Biological Sciences	Zariel Torres, Financial Aid
Julie Jenks, Biological Sciences	Dr. Robert White, Dean

AGENDA

1. **Agenda Adoption**

Request for unanimous consent to approve agenda; Acclamation

2. **Minutes Approval**

A. October 30, 2023

Motion to approve; M/S/P

B. February 12, 2024

Motion to approve as amended to add Jessica Jackson as a member present; M/S/P

3. **General Announcements**

Program Research and Recommendation members are invited to make announcements to the committee

- T. Doyle – Assembling the PATs for Drama and Radio, TV, and Film program revitalizations

4. **Public Comments**

Members of the public are invited to comment on items on the agenda

- Several students addressed the committee about not being able to complete the AA-T in Theatre Arts program for transfer as advertised in the catalog
- The students expressed the importance of Theatre Arts in the community and the value of revitalizing this program for students

5. **Consent Agenda**

- None

6. Information Item(s)

A. Curriculum Committee Report

1. GE Taskforce Recommendations

- Local Graduation Requirement Implementation Guidelines

Donna Davis represented items 6 A.1-A.3

- The Curriculum Committee approved the Local Graduation Requirement Implementation Guidelines

2. 2-Year CE Program Review

- Administration of Justice (AJLE)
- Fire Science (FSC)
 - These CTE programs were endorsed by the Curriculum Committee as outline in AP 4021
 - Title 5 regulations state CTE programs must meet Labor Market Information (LMI) demand or they may be discontinued

3. New Programs

- AS/CA in Civil Engineering
- AS/CA in Computer Engineering
- AS/CA in Electrical Engineering
- AS/CA in Mechanical Engineering
- AS/CA in Mechatronic Engineering
- CA in Engineering Fundamentals
 - New Engineering programs have been submitted to the Curriculum Committee for approval
 - It was mentioned that the Certificates of Achievements (CA) are not occupational and do not qualify for financial aid funding
 - Some students may receive these CAs upon transferring from Butte College

7. Pending Item(s)

A. New Educational Program(s)

1. Social and Behavioral Science Degree Revisions

- AA Degree in Arts and Humanities (18 units)
- AS Degree in Mathematics and Science (18 Units)
- AA Degree in Social Science (18 Units)

Jessica Jackson represented item 7 A.1

- The goal is to create more utility for students with these program breakouts into broad majors with specific general areas
- Degrees were developed with faculty expertise from the different areas
- There was concern about how students will get funneled into the correct degree pathway and selecting the correct course choices to transfer
- It was mentioned that students should meet with a counselor to tailor the course choices to the degree selected, and to determine financial aid eligibility
- There was discussion about degree offerings on CCC Apply and the logistics for student facing degrees vs. backstage degrees

Motion to approve new programs as presented; M/S/P

8. Action Item(s)

A. New Educational Program(s)

1. AS Degree in Pre-Health Occupations (27 Units)

Donna Davis, Mandeep Grewal, and Julie Jenks represented item 8 A.1

- Degree title change to “Health Occupations Preparation”
 - This degree includes all the Butte College prerequisite courses necessary for nursing and respiratory therapy programs for financial aid eligibility
 - The committee questioned the core course selection and the pathway maps
- Motion to approve; M/S/P

2. AS Degree in STEM Foundations (31-42 Units)

Patrick McDougall represented item 8 A.2

- This degree will give STEM curious students a pathway into sciences and engineering by using a common first semester
- Several committee members mentioned that there are various ways for science students to get a degree and they wanted to know how this degree differs from the Explorer Pathways project
- The first semester is identical to Butte degrees, students only need to select an option which may require adding a few more courses at the backend of the degree

Motion to approve; M/S/P

B. Program Vitality and Discontinuance Analysis

1. Certificate in Geographic Information Systems

Cynthia Bynoe represented item 8 B.1

- The department is discontinuing this certificate as there are no faculty to teach or full-time leadership for this certificate and students are unable to complete
- AP4021 workflow #4 was referenced for programs discontinued when courses are no longer offered, without the need to establish a PAT team
- Several committee members discussed the importance of GIS technology in drafting, engineering and other element areas
- Program going away - no PAT team

Motion to approve; M/S/P

9. Discussion Item(s)

A. Future Meeting Dates

- May 13, 2024

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn; M/S/P