

**Meeting Information**

Date and Time: Thursday, December 1, 2022 at 4:00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Recorder: Stephanie Gonzalez

<b>Committee Members Present</b>	<b>Ex-Officio Members/Guests in Attendance</b>
Dr. Jennifer Guerra, Baccalaureate Program Representative	Christina Cavazos
Felisa Saenz, Workforce Education Program Alternate	Esmer Eureste
Daniel Cortez, Workforce Education Program Representative	Martin Knecht
Reynaldo Jasso, Workforce Education Program Representative Alternate	Dr. Nancy Garcia
Sandra Charles-Garza, Workforce Education Program Representative	Dr. Rebecca De Leon
Jesus Amaya, Workforce Education Program Representative	Dr. Annette Wingard
Ricardo Olivares, Workforce Education Program Alternate	Daniel Cather
Dr. Annie Parker Liss, History Core Curriculum	Saeed Molki
Nicolas Gutierrez, Academic Program Representative Alternate	Dr. Jesus Campos
Patricia Pomares, Academic Program Representative	Hector Cavazos
Dr. Wendi J. W. Williams, Academic Program Alternate	Willie Johnson
Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller, Academic Program Representative	Gabriel Pena
Dr. Ludivina Avila, Life & Phys. Sci. Core Curriculum Alternate	Dr. Christopher Nelson
Dr. Nihan Kayaardi, Soc & Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum Alternate	Dr. Rachel Sale
Dr. JeanMarie Fors, Academic Program Alternate	Dr. Emma Miller
Sharon O'Leary, Creative Arts Core Curriculum Representative	Daniel M. Mendoza
Ron Schermerhorn, Academic Program Alternate	Veronica Rodriguez
Dr. Anna Alaniz, Academic Program Representative	Dr. Enriqueta Cortez
Hector Villarreal, Academic Program Representative	Kandee Wickboldt
Dr. Kevin Peek, Workforce Education Program Representative	Erika Guerra
Dr. Brett Millan, Communication Core Curriculum Representative	Dr. Ravindra Nandigam
Dr. Rebecca Millan, Communication Core Curriculum Alternate	Alejandra Cantu
Dr. Micah Bailey, Language, Phil & Culture Core Curriculum Alternate	Dr. Eric Reittinger
Dr. Jose Sanchez, Academic Program Alternate	Javier Reyes
Victor Gomez, History Core Curriculum Alternate	Liza Veliz
Omar Valdez, Workforce Education Program Alternate	Jorge Martinez
Dr. Aaron Wilson, Academic Program Alternate	Dr. Maria Cervantes
Sharon Rice, Workforce Education Program Representative	Marc Hughes
Adan Contreras, Political Science Core Curriculum Representative	Dr. Mariano Acevedo
Fred Cady, Soc. & Behavioral Science Core Curriculum Representative	Yolonda E. Jaramillo
Colleen Brooks, Academic Program Alternate	Dr. Rolando Longoria
Daniel Sanchez, Workforce Education Program Representative	Mario Morin
Dr. Lydia Bean, Academic Program Representative	Antonio De La Cruz
Jenny Chamberlain, Academic Program Alternate	Stephanie Gonzalez
Carlo Gonzalez, Academic Program Alternate	
Joel Jason Rodriguez, Academic Program Representative	
James Blair, Academic Program Representative	
Dr. Sandra Ledesma, Academic Program Representative	
Dr. Hilaire Saint-Pierre, Baccalaureate Program Alternate	
Sharlene Polvado, Workforce Education Program Alternate	

<b>Committee Members Present</b>	<b>Ex-Officio Members/Guests in Attendance</b>
Judith Sevilla DeLaCruz, Workforce Education Program Representative	
Dr. Khalid Salmani, Life & Phys. Science Core Curriculum Representative	
Andrea Clark, Academic Program Representative	
Dr. Lee Basham, Academic Program Alternate	
Dr. Pramod Lamichhane, Academic Program Representative	

## **Materials Distributed**

- Agenda Packet
- November 15, 2022 CWCC Meeting Minutes

## **I. Call to Order**

Meeting was called to order by Dr. Micah Bailey at 4:01 p.m.

## **II. Housekeeping Rules**

Dr. Micah Bailey discussed the housekeeping rules as follows:

1. All members, ex-officio members and guests must sign in with your name and department in the chat window so we can verify attendance and document for the meeting minutes.
2. Please keep microphones on mute to minimize background noise and unmute as needed for questions or voting.
3. Remember to state your name when presenting an item or making a motion.
4. This Committee is a voting committee. Only voting members can make a motion and vote. (Alternates may only vote if the representative is not in attendance.)

## **III. Minutes from Meeting of November 15, 2022**

Dr. Micah Bailey requested the committee members to review the minutes from the previous meeting, which were sent via email for review. Dr. Brett Millan made the motion to accept the minutes and Jesus Amaya provided a second. The motion carried.

## **IV. New Business**

### **A. Informational Item:**

#### **1. Proposed new dual credit high school site – Mercedes Early College Academy.**

Dr. Rebecca De Leon presented on this item, informing committee members that Mercedes Early College Academy has a new high school site that is offering between 25-49% of coursework towards associate degrees. The high school site plans to expand course offerings to accommodate growth at the campus. She added that they are working to ensure that the new location is approved and working on submitting the prospectus by the deadlines so that they can start the full degree offerings again effective Fall 2023.

### **B. Sociology**

#### **1. Addition of SOCW 2361 – Introduction to Social Work to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**

Dr. Rolando Longoria presented this item stating that the proposed addition of SOCW

2361 – Introduction to Social Work to the Component Area Option – Core Component will allow more course options for students. The motion to approve was made by James Blair and was seconded by Fred Cady. The motion was carried.

### **C. Sociology**

#### **1. Approval for proposed Associate of Arts in Sociology, Applied Sociology Track.**

Dr. Rolando Longoria presented this item stating that the proposed Associate of Arts in Sociology, Applied Sociology Track is a more hands-on track and requests students to decide on an area of focus. This track will also give students affiliation with the Association of Applied and Clinical Sociology which offers students with professionalization tools, professional certification in applied sociology, and connection to a network of professional practitioners upon graduation. The motion to approve was made by James Blair and was seconded by Fred Cady. The motion was carried.

### **D. Psychological Science**

#### **1. Addition of PSYC 2301 – General Psychology to the Component Area - Core Curriculum.**

Liza Veliz presented this item stating that the proposed addition of PSYC 2301 – General Psychology to the Component Area - Core Curriculum will allow more course options for students. The motion to approve was made by Jesus Amaya and was seconded by Dr. Khalid Salmani. The motion was carried.

### **E. Criminal Justice**

#### **1. Revision of course prerequisite for CRIJ 1301 – Introduction to Criminal Justice.**

Dr. Micah Bailey asked for a motion to combine Agenda items E.1, F.1, and G.1 together since they were related items from the same presenter. Sharon O’Leary moved to combine and seconded by Dr. Wendi J. W. Williams. The motion carried.

Marc Hughes presented item E.1 stating that the proposal for the prerequisite change for CRIJ 1301 is to align recent changes made to the TSI 2.0 Placement Scale. For item F.1, the Criminal Justice department is requesting that beginning Fall 2023, the Criminal Justice course, CRIJ 1301, will be a requirement for the Social & Behavioral Sciences Core Curriculum component for the Criminal Justice field of study. This modification resulted from the Texas Transfer Framework through the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board. For item G.1, Marc Hughes stated that the request of adding PSYC 2301 and SOCW 2361 as options to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum elective options is contingent upon the Psychological Science, Sociology and Social Work departments. The Criminal Justice department would like to add these courses to the Component Area Option to help expand options to students. The motion to approve the combined items was made by Andrea Clark and was seconded by Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller. The motion carried.

### **F. Criminal Justice**

#### **1. Requirement of CRIJ 1301 – Introduction to Criminal Justice for the Social & Behavioral Sciences Elective – Core Curriculum.**

See Item E.1.

## **G. Criminal Justice**

**1. Addition of PSYC 2301 – General Psychology, SOCI 1301 – Introductory Sociology, and SOCW 2361- Introduction to Social Work as additional elective options for the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**

See Item E.1.

## **H. Advanced Manufacturing**

**1. Deactivation of Precision Manufacturing Technology Occupational Skills Award**

Erika Guerra presented on this item stating that the recommendation from the Advisory Committee was made to sunset the Precision Manufacturing Technology Occupational Skills Award due to the award no longer needed. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Brett Millan and was seconded by James Blair. The motion was carried.

## **I. Engineering**

**1. Approval for proposed Dual Enrollment Engineering Track for the Engineering Associate of Science.**

Dr. Micah Bailey asked for a motion to combine Agenda items I.1, J.1, and K.1 together since they were related items from the same presenter. Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller moved to combine and seconded by Andrea Clark. The motion carried.

Martin Knecht presented on items I.1, J.1, and K.1 stating that the proposed revisions are necessary due to the addition of the co-requisite of MATH 2420 to ENGR 2405. Also, the proposed revisions are necessary in order to continue to offer courses in the state-wide engineering field of study and to facilitate transfer to a bachelor's degree program with a minimal loss of credit hours. The motion to approve this item was made by Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller and was seconded by Fred Cady. The motion carried.

## **J. Engineering**

**1. Reduction to the Core Curriculum for the Associate of Science in Engineering from 37 to 33 credits.**

See Item I.1.

## **K. Engineering**

**1. Requirement of MATH 2420 – Differential Equations or ENGR 1304 – Engineering Graphics for the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**

See Item I.1.

## **L. Physics**

**1. Addition of GEOL 1404 – Historical Geology to the Component Area Option – Core Curriculum.**

Dr. Micah Bailey asked for a motion to combine Agenda items L.1, M.1, N.1 and O.1 together since they were related items from the same presenter. Sharon O'Leary moved to combine and seconded by Sharon Rice. The motion carried.

Dr. Ravindra Nandigam presented on items L.1, M.1, N.1, and O.1 stating that the proposed Environmental Science, Geoscience/Geo-Spatial and Geophysics Tracks will provide academic pathways with strong credentials to the students interested in pursuing related careers. He continued to state that adding the GEOL 1404 to the Core Component Area Option will facilitate the creation of Geophysics and Environmental Science tracks. This change will keep the field of study credit hours at 18 and will minimize loss of credit hours. Tracks will be 100% transferable. The motion to approve this item was made by Dr. Mehrzad Mahmoudian Geller and was seconded by Dr. Lydia Bean. The motion carried.

#### **M. Physics**

##### **1. Approval for proposed Geophysics Track for the Physics Associate of Science.**

See Item L.1.

#### **N. Physics**

##### **1. Approval for proposed Environmental Science Track for the Physics Associate of Science.**

See Item L.1.

#### **O. Physics**

##### **1. Approval for proposed Geoscience/Geo-Spatial Track for the Physics Associate of Science.**

See Item L.1.

#### **V. Next Meeting Date**

Thursday, January 26, 2023 via Microsoft Teams.

#### **VI. Adjournment**

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Andrea Clark and was seconded by Dr. Wendi J. W. Williams at 4:46 p.m.