



College-Wide Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting Information

Date and Time: Tuesday, October 21, 2025, at 4:00 pm

Location: Microsoft Teams

Recorder: Andrea Cantu

Committee Members Present	Ex-Officio Members/Guests in Attendance
Dr. Lizett Guevara, Workforce Education, Alternate	Stephanie Perez
Dr. Karlos Moreno, Life & Physical Sciences Core Curriculum, Representative	Esmer Eureste
Dr. Oscar Rodriguez, Workforce Education Program, Alternate	Dr. Celina Casas
Dr. Reynaldo Jasso, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Antonio De La Cruz
Hector Villarreal, Lang., Phil & Culture Core Curriculum, Representative	Christina Cavazos
Dr. Esmeralda Adame, Bachelor Program, Representative	Carlos Limas
Mark Murray, Political Science Core Curriculum, Alternate	Dirce Hernandez
Joel Jason Rodriguez, Academic Program, Representative	Joel Rodriguez
Dr. Richard Buchli, Academic Program, Alternate	Dr. Sandra Moreno
Dr. Rebecca Millan, Communication Core Curriculum Representative	Elizabeth Hollenbeck
Dr. Darrial Reynolds, Academic Program Representative	Sonia Cuellar
Jessica Schnee, Academic Program, Representative	JoAnna Martinez
Sharon Rice, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Erika Guerra
Fred Cady, Political Science Core Curriculum Representative	Onesimo Trevino Gonzalez
Miriam Garza, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Dr. Ludivina Avila
Dr. Lydia Bean, Academic Program, Alternate	Dr. Paul Gonzalez
Dr. Annie Parker Liss, History Core Curriculum, Representative	Dr. Christopher Nelson
Ruben Lemus, Workforce Education Program, Alternate	Yolonda E. Jaramillo
Ricardo Olivares, Workforce Education Program, Alternate	Dr. Eric Reittinger
Sharon O'Leary, Creative Arts Core Curriculum, Representative	Andrea Cantu
Jose Zamora, Academic Program, Alternate	Elizabeth Garcia
Liza Veliz, Academic Program, Representative	Christina Cantu
Dr. Jennifer Reid, Academic Program, Alternate	Jose Vela
Andrea Clark, Social & Behavioral Science Core Curriculum, Alternate	Dr. Daniel Cather
Maby Rosenbaum, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Angelita Elizondo Teniente
Dr. Anna Alaniz, Academic Program Representative	Dr. Ghanbar Ali Esmaeili
Carlo Gonzalez, Academic Program, Representative	Jose Olivares-Alarcon
Heaven Mendoza, Creative Arts Core Curriculum, Alternate	Willie Johnson
Arthur F. Barber, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Mario Morin
Dr. Sylvia Flores, Social & Behavioral Science Core Curriculum, Representative	Saeed Molki
Dr. Mehran Hassanpour, Mathematics Core Curriculum, Representative	Veronica Rodriguez
Dr. JeanMarie Fors, Academic Program, Representative	Eduardo Quintanilla
Samuel Saldana, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Vanessa Salinas
Ronald Schermerhorn, Academic Program, Alternate	Victor Garza
Samuel Reza, Academic Program, Alternate	Javier Reyes
Dr. Micah Bailey, Academic Program Representative	Francisco Salinas
Dr. Debby Hutchins, Lang., Phil & Culture Core Curriculum, Alternate	Ana R. Davila
Sayda Ruelas, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Fernando Mercado
Dr. Louis Lee, Academic Program, Representative	Gabriel Viera

Committee Members Present	Ex-Officio Members/Guests in Attendance
Socorro Bourbois, Workforce Education Program, Alternate	Dr. Maria Cervantes
Helen Meave, Academic Program, Representative	Carla Balleza
Betty Chong Menard, Workforce Education Program, Alternate	Hector Trevino
Judith Sevilla De La Cruz, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Carissa R. Hayden
Dr. Kevin Peek, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Dr. Kelli Davis
Juan Gaytan, Mathematics Core Curriculum, Alternate	Michelle Mendoza
Juan Resendez, Workforce Education Program, Representative	Dr. Ravindra C. Nandigam
	Rodolfo Madrigal
	Richard Wade
	Alejandra Cantu
	Dr. Margo Vargas-Ayala
	Jose Jasso
	Jose Olivares-Alarcon

Materials Distributed

- Agenda
- Agenda Packet
- September 25, 2025 - College-Wide Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
- CWCC Membership List 2025-2026

Agenda Item

- Call to Order
The meeting was called to order by the newly elected 2025-2026 Committee Chair, Dr. Debby Hutchins at 4:00 p.m.
- Housekeeping Rules
Dr. Debby Hutchins discussed the housekeeping rules as follows:
 - 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.
 - Please keep microphones on mute to minimize background noise and unmute as needed for questions or voting.
 - Remember to state your name when presenting an item or making a motion.
 - 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.)
- Minutes from Meeting of September 25, 2025.
Dr. Debby Hutchins requested the committee members to review the minutes from the previous meeting, which were emailed for revisions or corrections. The motion to approve was made by Sharon Rice and was seconded by Sayda Ruelas. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 25 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

New Business

Biology

1. Addition of AGRI 1329 - Principles of Food Science to the Mathematics/Natural Sciences Elective Options for the Associate of Applied Science Electives.

Dr. Maria Cervantes presented this item by stating that the proposed addition of AGRI 1329 to Natural Science Elective Options for the AAS Electives expands

student choice and supports applied learning in food science, aligning with industry-relevant skills. Dr. Maria Cervantes highlighted that this course was developed in collaboration with the Culinary Arts department and is intended to enhance the curriculum for culinary students. In doing so, the addition will allow students to choose this course without requiring Chair overrides.

The motion to approve was made by Dr. Rebecca Millan and was seconded by Carlo Gonzalez. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 26 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

Culinary Arts (Note: These items are contingent upon approval of the items above from the Biology Department)

1. Addition of AGRI 1329 – Principles of Food Science as an option to BIOL 1322 to fulfill the Natural Sciences Elective Option for the Culinary Arts Associate of Applied Science.

JoAnna Martinez presented on this item stating that this change will allow students to choose between BIOL 1322 or AGRI 1329 to fulfill the Natural Sciences Elective option for the Culinary Arts AAS. Ms. Martinez added that both courses complement each other and align with culinary students' interest in understanding food science concepts as they apply to baking and fermentation. The motion to approve was made by Dr. JeanMarie Fors and was seconded by Sharon Rice. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 25 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

2. Addition of AGRI 1329 – Principles of Food Science as an option to BIOL 1322 to fulfill the Natural Sciences Elective Option for the Culinary Arts Associate of Applied Science- Specialization: Baking and Pastry Arts.

JoAnna Martinez presented on this item stating that this change will allow students to choose between BIOL 1322 or AGRI 1329 to fulfill the Natural Sciences Elective option for the Culinary Arts AAS – Specialization: Baking and Pastry Arts. Ms. Martinez added that both courses complement each other and align with culinary students' interest in understanding food science concepts as they apply to baking and fermentation. The motion to approve was made by Dr. Micah Bailey and was seconded by Dr. JeanMarie Fors. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 26 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

Cybersecurity

1. Approval for proposed Artificial Intelligence Specialist Associate of Applied Science.

Mr. Francisco Salinas presented on this item, stating that the Cybersecurity department is proposing an Associate of Applied Science in Artificial Intelligence. Students will gain practical, real-world experience through hands-on, career-oriented training, preparing them to work with real-world AI applications. He added that the award is stackable and that graduates can either go directly into the workforce or continue to complete the Computer Information Technology Bachelor's degree.

A question arose from the committee regarding whether the department should add an ethics course to the curriculum. A committee member suggested creating a full AI

ethics course to teach students about the ethical issues in handling data and building AI models. A committee member added that while there may not be a standalone ethics course, ethical considerations will be incorporated into existing courses. Mr. Salinas added that PHIL 2306 Introduction to Ethics is in the degree plan to fulfill the Humanities Elective Option.

The motion to approve was made by Dr. Micah Bailey and was seconded by Dr. Reynaldo Jasso. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 29 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

2. Approval for proposed Artificial Intelligence Specialist Certificate.

Mr. Francisco Salinas presented on this item, stating that the Cybersecurity department is proposing a Certificate in Artificial Intelligence. The certificate comprises 32 credit hours and serves as the first half of the AAS, allowing students to transition smoothly between the two. Students will gain practical, real-world experience through hands-on, career-oriented training, preparing them to work with real-world AI applications.

A question arose from the committee regarding the introduction of an AI certificate program for high school students. Francisco Salinas, highlighting the program's adaptability to technological advancements, Francisco Salinas ensured that the AI program remains adaptable to industry changes by consulting with advisory committee members and faculty. Committee members expressed concerns about the potential shortage of qualified faculty to teach the program in high schools. Mr. Salinas assured the committee that they would hire full-time faculty that specialize in AI and will assist the high schools in developing their programs as needed.

The motion to approve was made by Dr. Kevin Peek and was seconded by Dr. JeanMarie Fors. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 28 in favor / 0 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.

Announcements/Adjournment

Next Meeting – Tuesday, November 18, 2025

Agenda items are due by Thursday, November 13, 2025

Final curriculum revision deadline for the AY 26-27 catalog is November 14, 2025.

There being no further business, the motion to adjourn was made by Dr. Micah Bailey and was seconded by Carlo Gonzalez. Dr. Debby Hutchins adjourned the meeting at 5:09 p.m. The majority of the committee voted in favor of the motion: 26 in favor / 1 opposed / 0 abstained. The motion carried.