



Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

October 18, 2024

McCandless Hall Room 300

Present: Denver Betts, Tommy Coblentz, Dena Mayfield, Stephen Carter, Julia Roth, Patricia Elmore, John Wells, Shannon Pittman, Jennifer Mares, Alyson Gill, Molly Myhan (Recorder)

Absent: Danielle Chouinard

Guests: Dave Ragsdale, Troy Adair, Katia Maxwell, Janet Willison, Carolyn Carthen, Toni Carter, Adam Lewis, Belinda Krigel, Crystal Bates

- I. Meeting called to order by Dr. Betts – 1:15 p.m.
- II. Introduction of Committee Members
- III. Roll Call
- IV. Approval of Agenda
 - Motion 1: John Wells
 - Motion 2: Dena Mayfield
 - All approved with no changes
- V. Approval of Minutes (July 19, 2024)
 - Motion 1: Patricia Elmore
 - Motion 2: Stephen Carter
 - All approved with no changes
- VI. New Business
 - New Program
 - BS in Applied Management - Fall 2025
 - creates a pathway for students coming from technology-based programs in community colleges such as Air Conditioning & Refrigeration, Aerospace/Aviation Technology and more
 - provides a comprehensive business education for preparation advancement or development within the managerial field

- New Certificates: those, who earn these microcredentials, will be provided with the skills to fulfill career goals through early credentialing while obtaining a degree or as post-baccalaureate studies.
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Pre-Law (9 credits)
 - crafted by faculty in Humanities and Social Sciences and three local judges.
 - Provides students with the foundational skill required for success in law school and the legal profession
 - Gives participation in Pre-Law Society
 - Undergraduate Certificates in Computer Science/Information Technology
 - Certificate in Web Development – students will be equipped with the skills needed to create responsive websites, design efficient databases and build secure, data-driven web applications.
 - Certificates in Game Design and Game Development (AR)
Enhanced offerings to students as recommended by the CS/ITE Advisory Board
 - Certificate in Health Information Technology
Students will be equipped with the knowledge and skills to effectively contribute to the implementation and management of health IT solutions in various healthcare settings.
 - Certificate in Software Systems
Students will gain practical skills in system administration and scripting to manage and automate IT environments.
 - Certificate in Artificial Intelligence (AI)
Students will develop a strong foundation in AI, and be equipped with the knowledge and skills necessary to pursue advanced AI projects.
 - Certificate in Human Computer Interaction
Students will gain insights from cognitive psychology to create user-friendly and effective interactive systems.
 - Undergraduate Certificate in Computer Networking
Students will be equipped to address the challenges of modern network environments and protect network infrastructures from various threats and vulnerabilities.
- New Concentration
 - Audio Engineering and Music Production
 - 3rd concentration in the BA in Music Industry Studies degree
 - Provides another option for students to curate a portfolio and skill set appropriate to a multitude of careers in the music industry or future graduate study

- Delete Program
 - BSED in Elementary Education and ESOL K-6
 - Although approved by ACHE in 2021, the program never received approval from ALSDE. Additionally, according to ACHE policy, if a new program does not meet its enrollment goals, a university is required to drop the program. As the program never officially “launched”, students were never enrolled.

VII. Adjournment (Dr. Betts) - 1:59