

# NORCO COLLEGE

## CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MINUTES

February 27, 2024 - 2:00 pm

ZOOM for non-voting members and OC\*116 for voting members

<https://rccd-edu.zoom.us/j/86274477579?pwd=bkhIZVBJRDlkZE1CNTR3WVpQYzBYZz09>

Brian Johnson chaired the meeting.

### Members Present:

Brian Johnson..... Math, Engineering, Comp. Sci & Game Development – Curriculum Chair  
Dr. Carol Farrar ..... Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs  
Dr. Courtney Doussett ..... Dean of Instruction  
Nicole C. Brown.....Office of Academic Affairs  
John Alpay..... Business and Management  
Elisa Chung ..... Math, Engineering, Computer Sci.& Game Development  
Dr. Suzanne Witmer ..... Natural Sciences, Health and Kinesiology  
Dr. Teresa Friedrich Finnern.... Natural Sciences, Health & Kinesiology - Alternate  
Melissa Wilson ..... Social and Behavioral Sciences  
Jessica Dobson..... Communications, Humanities & Languages  
Nicholas Franco..... Articulation Officer  
Lisa Martin..... Guidance Department  
Vivian Harris..... Library  
Debra Karrer..... Dean of Instruction Office – IDS  
Jesus Andrade ..... ASNC  
Valerie Cruz Lopez ..... ASNC

### Members Absent: None

### Guest: None

- A. Agenda February 27, 2024. MSC: M/ J. Alpay, S/ V. Harris \* 8-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain.
- B. Minutes November 28, 2023 MSC: M/ L. Martin, S/ J. Dobson \* 8-Yeas, 0 Nays, 3 abstain.
- C. Discussion items:
  1. Discipline recommended changes to the Dec 2023 approved local GE Plan.
  2. Brian Johnson discussed the presentation on local Gen Ed plan. Request to curriculum reps of any discipline to submit recommended changes to Dec. 2023 approved local Gen Ed Plan: Curriculum reps whose disciplines have recommended changes for the GE Plan should prepare and submit proposals following these instructions:
    - a. Make clear the proposed changes to the Dec. 2023 local GE Plan the discipline is advocating for, using the basic guidelines provided in DCC and Standards Chair Ann Pfeifle's December 11 message (see agenda appendix for complete email)

- i. Look at your college's current Gen Ed plan in the catalog ("Graduation Requirements for the Associate Degree, Plan A": MVC pp. 43-45; NC pp. 39-41 RCC pp. 66-68; page numbers are the pdf printed version of the catalog, not the online reader numbers);
  - ii. Look at the attached current Title 5 requirements and recommendations;
  - iii. Look at the attached current Gen Ed proposal for 24-25;
  - iv. Consider whether there any differences between the old and new GE Plan about which you have further questions, different recommendations, or wish to advocate for.
  - v. If so, your discipline should prepare those arguments to bring forward to your college's February 27 curriculum meeting via your curriculum rep. (Note that this is not the usual Gen Ed Modification proposal process; this is about aligning what has already gone through that process in the past and is in our current plan to see what should roll over to the new plan because it still fits the revised Title 5 language. New proposals should be offered later through the regular process.)
- b. Include a clear discipline approval statement. District discipline is preferred (following one college, one vote rules) but if the presentation is coming from an individual college discipline, please include college discipline vote. District discipline is preferred and helps expedite proposals because the local GE plan is a district plan; there are not separate college GE plans so if the district discipline is not unified, Standards will have to figure out how to address that before the next step.
  - c. The presentation from curriculum reps at the meeting will be to clarify any questions about the proposal that the committee or chair has. There will not be discussion of or argumentation about the proposals at the meeting; discussion will occur at the March 12 Curriculum Committee meeting when the proposals are action items.
  - d. As proposed changes are shared to the Curriculum Chair before and up to the Feb. 27 meeting time deadline, the chair will forward them to District Instructional Support Coordinator, Bryan Medina, for compiling for the Academic Standards committee members as a review packet for the Feb. 29 special Standards meeting. (This is a quick turnaround from Feb. 27 to the Special Standards meeting on Feb. 29, so as soon as proposals are ready, please send – don't wait until Feb. 27 if possible. This gives committee members more time to review and research any questions in advance if needed.)

2. Brian Johnson discussed the explanation of Chancellor's Office revised due date and RCCD local unchanged timeline

## Action Items:

- A. Course Deletion: Items 1-8 taken together. MSC: M/ J. Alpay, S/ J. Dobson \* 8-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain
1. MAT-136 Corequisite Support for MAT-36 \*MNR
  2. MAT-136DX Corequisite Support for MAT-36 \*MNR
  3. MAT-35 Intermediate Algebra \*MNR
  4. MAT-35DE Intermediate Algebra \*MNR
  5. MAT-52 Elementary Algebra \*MNR
  6. MAT-52DE Elementary Algebra \*MNR
  7. MAT-53 College Geometry \*MNR
  8. MAT-53DX College Geometry \*MNR
- B. Course Inclusion: Items 1-3 taken together. MSC: M/ J. Alpay, S/ V. Harris \* 8-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain
1. ADJ-21 Control & Supervision in Corrections \*N
  2. ADJ-22 Legal Aspects of Corrections \*N
  3. ADJ-25 Introduction to Probation and Parole \*N
- C. Course Major Modification: Items 1 & 2 taken together. MSC: M/ J. Alpay, S/ V. . Harris \* 8-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain. Nicole will send out to all committee members a list of all programs affected with this change.
1. PSY-48 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences \*MNR
  2. SOC-48 Statistics for the Behavioral Sciences \*MNR
- D. Distance Education:
1. ENG-66DE Queer Voices: A Survey of LGBTQIA2+ Literature \*MNR  
MSC: M/ J. Alpay, S/ L. Martin \* 8-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain
- E. New Program:
1. ENP- Entrepreneurship \*N MSC: M/ J. Alpay, S/ V. Harris \* 8-Yeas, 0 Nays, 0 abstain
- F. Norco College Information Item:  
Course Minor Modification
1. MAT-32 Introduction to Symbolic Logic
  2. PDS-804 Motivating Yourself and Others
  3. PHI-10 Introduction to Philosophy
  4. PHI-10H Honors Introduction to Philosophy
  5. PHI-19 Native American Thought
  6. PHI-22 Philosophy of Science
  7. PHI-32 Introduction to Symbolic Logic
  8. PHI-33 Introduction to Social and Political Philosophy

- 9. PHI-34 Philosophical Survey of Sex, Gender, and Sexuality
- 10. PHI-35 Philosophy of Religion
- 11. PHI-36 Asian Philosophy

G. RCC and MVC Information Items:

1. Course Deletion:

- i. MAT-98DX Academic Excellence Seminar
- ii. SPA-3N Spanish for Spanish Speakers

2. Course Minor Modification:

- i. ARA-11 Arabic Culture and Civilization
- ii. ARA-11H Honors Arabic Culture and Civilization
- iii. ARA-3 Arabic 3
- iv. ASL-3 American Sign Language 3
- v. ETS-13 Survey of Black Thought
- vi. PHI-14 Survey of Black Thought

3. Program Modification:

- i. SPA- Spanish

D. Open Forum: NONE

E. Adjourned: 2:30 p.m.

**2023 – 2024 Meeting schedule:**

<b>2023</b>	<b>2024</b>
<del>09/12/23</del>	JAN- No MTG.
<del>09/26/23</del>	02/27/24
<del>10/10/23</del>	03/12/24
<del>10/24/23</del>	03/26/24
<del>11/14/23</del>	04/23/24* One meeting this month due to spring break.
<del>11/28/23</del>	05/14/24
DEC. No MTG	05/28/24

## Statement of Purpose

The curriculum committee, a sub-committee of the academic senate, has two primary purposes: to review and approve new curriculum including new courses, course modifications, new programs and program modifications, and to review and approve the curriculum approval process. The college curriculum committee is the sole approving body for Norco College only curriculum. For district shared curriculum it has one vote in the district curriculum committee. The curriculum committee is also responsible for keeping abreast with state mandated curriculum changes and reporting those changes to faculty. Committee members report on curriculum at their department meetings and solicit suggestions and recommendations when needed.