

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting Minutes
January 12, 2026 @ 3:10pm, Library 256

Voting Membership Present:

Chair, Dr. Craig Cline

Dr. Kevin Williams – Department of Contemporary Art, Communications, and Theater

Dr. Denis Berenschot – Department of English, History, and Modern Languages

Dr. Austin Showen – School of Music

Dr. Aart Holtslag – Department of Social and Applied Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Vahid Biglari – Department of Business, Accounting, Economics, and Finance

Dr. Dawne Burke – School of Education

Dr. Stacey Kendig – Department of Recreation, Sport, and Exercise Science

Dr. Weidong Liao – Department of Computer Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Dr. Ruth Conley – Department of Natural and Physical Sciences

Dr. Laureen Donovan – School of Nursing

Ms. Tara Carlisle – Library

Quorum = 6, Vote = 2/3 or 4 of 6 for approval.

Ex-officio Membership Present: Ms. Joan Evert (Secretary)

2025 -2026 meeting dates – 09/08/2025, 10/13/2025, 11/10/2025, 12/08/2025, 01/12/2026, 02/09/2026, 03/09/2026, 04/13/2026

C&I Announcements:

- For curricular proposal guidelines see the C&I Senate website at <https://www.shepherd.edu/senate/curriculum-and-instruction>

Approval of Minutes: December 8, 2025 (approved as distributed)

Core Curriculum Report: No report

Second Readings:

SOCI/CRIM

Course Deletion

ANTH 203

ANTH 225

ANTH 300

ANTH 314

ANTH 315

ANTH 316

ANTH 345

ANTH 370

ANTH 380

ANTH 390

ANTH 525

Course Addition

CRIM 316

Course Addition

CRIM 420

Course Addition

SOCI 315

Program Change

SOCI: Crime and Society Minor

Program Change

SOCI: Sociology Minor

Motion to approve SOCI/CRIM/ANTH course deletion, changes, program changes as entire package, motion seconded, unanimous vote to approve the package.

First Readings:

PSCI

Course addition

PSCI 250

Advanced to second reading.

SOWK

Course Title and Description Changes

SOWK 407

SOWK 408

SOWK 409

SOWK 410

SOWK 411

SOWK 412

Advanced to second reading

Other Business:

The C&I Committee continued its discussion of the AAC&U Essential Learning Outcomes (ELOs) and VALUE Rubrics in light of Dr. Stevens's responses to questions raised at the November 10 meeting. The committee remains unclear about how these frameworks would be implemented. Discussion emphasized the VALUE Rubrics as a continuation of AAC&U's broader work on learning assessment. Committee members also stressed the importance of ensuring that the VALUE Rubrics are aligned with Shepherd University's mission, vision, and core values before any adoption. Many members further emphasized that implementation of the VALUE Rubrics—or any alternative to the LEAP goals—should occur through a collaborative process involving academic affairs leadership and faculty from across all academic programs.

The C&I Committee discussed the curricular proposal process for micro-credentials at its January 12th meeting. The committee has offered that it could potentially consider waiving the first reading for micro-credential proposals that are comprised solely of existing courses. This may help expedite the review process. The committee acknowledged that it would need to experience a micro-credential proposal coming through the committee before it could consider any additional ways the process might be expedited.