

Curriculum & Instruction Committee Meeting

Minutes

February 9, 2026 @ 3:10pm, Library 256

Voting Membership:

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- Excused~~

Ms. Tara Carlisle – Library

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

Ex-officio Membership: Ms. Tracy Seffers (Registrar), Ms. Joan Evert (Secretary), ~~Dr. Sam Greene (CCC Chair), Will Bell or designee (Admissions), Associate Dean of Student Enrichment or designee, Dr. Jack DeRochi (provost)~~

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: January 12, 2026 - Approved as distributed.

Core Curriculum Report: No report.

Second Readings:

PSCI

Course addition

PSCI 250

Motion to approve PSCI course addition. Motion seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

SOWK

Course Title and Description Changes

SOWK 407

SOWK 408

SOWK 409

SOWK 410

SOWK 411

SOWK 412

Motion to approve SOWK course title and description changes. Motion seconded. Unanimous vote to approve.

First Readings:

CME

Course Change

CIS 205

Rescheduled for first reading in March

RSES

Course Deletion

GSPE 210

Advanced to second reading

Course Change

HLTH 235

HLTH 289

HLTH 375

HLTH 390

HLTH 405

HLTH 464

HLTH 465

HLTH 468

NUTR 328

NUTR 330

NUTR 410

RECR 331

Advanced to second reading pending submission of course deletion forms.

NaPS

Course Change

BIOL 240

Advanced to second reading

Course Change

CHEM 207

CHEM 207L

CHEM 208

CHEM 208L

CHEM 209

CHEM 209L

Advanced to second reading

ACCT

Course Change

ACCT 201

ACCT 202

ACCT 305

Other Business:

- Further discussion of AAC&U LEAP Goals and VALUE Rubrics. Dr. Showen moved that the committee does not recommend transitioning to the VALUE Rubrics in place of the LEAP goals at this time. The motion was seconded. Further discussion - Several committee members expressed concern about the significant academic structural and leadership changes currently underway and indicated that this was not an appropriate time to pursue a new assessment model for Shepherd, noting that the LEAP goals are still relevant and sufficient at this time. Several members also indicated that moving from LEAP to the VALUE rubrics or another model for assessment of learning could be re-evaluated in the future. The committee voted unanimously in favor of Dr. Showen's motion. Dr. Cline stated that he would report the committee's vote to the faculty senate president.
- Removal of four-year degree plan table for alignment with Modern Campus Curriculum (formerly Curriculog). The committee is in favor of removing the four-year degree plans for more seamless alignment with Modern Campus Curriculum. Programs and Departments may still include the four-year degree plan on their program/department website.
- Discussion of the necessity of 2 readings for C&I Curricular actions. The committee does not support eliminating the requirement for second readings but indicated that it may make more frequent use of its authority to waive a first reading on a case-by-case basis.
- Follow-up from discussion of Micro Credentials. Micro credentials will not need BoG approval, but Dr. DeRochi plans to discuss this further with the new registrar once she has started.