



Curriculum Committee MINUTES September 28, 2026

Members Present

Patrick McDougall, Chairperson
Kimberly Bartsch, Mathematics
Dr. Alonzo Campos, Ethnic Studies
Julio Delgado, Counselor
Anthony Ferro, Kinesiology
Joseph Gebbia, Welding
Tia Germar, Library Representative
Laurel Hartley, Associate Faculty, Sociology
Jessica Jackson, Articulation Officer

Julie Jenks, SLO Coordinator
Kim Kirkwood, Academic Senate
Zia Miller, AS Student Representative
Erik Shearer, Asst Superintendent/VP Instruction
Heather Springer, Equity & Inclusion Specialist
Dr. Shannan Troxel, Communication Studies
Dr. Jacob Vazquez, Associate Dean
Suzanne Wakim, DE & Accessible Learning
Dr. Robert White, Dean

Members Absent

Craig Kielb, Automotive

Elena Tan, Associate Faculty, Japanese

Guests Present

Chris Armitage, Welding
Kim Begbie, Admissions & Records
Eduardo Diaz, AS Student Representative
Lisa Gunn, Chair Allied Health and Nutrition
Jeff Jordan, Chair Kinesiology
Ayako Nakamura, Music

Donald Robinson, Dean
Darrah Thomas, ITEC
Zariel Torres, Financial Aid
Jess Vickery, Director Institutional Effectiveness
Teresa Ward, Interim Dean

AGENDA

1. Agenda Adoption - 1 minute

- Change the effective date on Information Item 6.D.2 to Spring 2027

Motion to approve agenda as amended; M/S/P

2. Minutes Approval - 1 minute

A. September 14, 2026

- Correct typos on item 8 F.1

Motion to correct the spelling of "motion to amend" in item 8 F.1; M/S/P

Motion to approve minutes as amended; M/S/P (Ayes 16; Nays 0; Abstentions 1)

3. Public Comments - 3 minutes

Members of the public are invited to comment on items not on the agenda

- None

4. General Announcements - 3 minutes

Curriculum Committee members are invited to make announcements to the committee

- New Library Zoom webinars on DEIA and Accessibility on October 16 and 29

5. Articulation Officer Announcements - 2 minutes

- None

6. **Information Item(s) – 6 minutes**

A. Catalog Timeline – Dr. Robert White

1. The 2027-28 catalog will be active in March 2027
2. Fall 2026 curriculum approved changes will be effective in the 2027–28 catalog (UC and Cal-GETC approvals will delay implementation)
3. Spring 2027 curriculum approved changes will be effective in the 2028–29 catalog (UC and Cal-GETC approvals will delay implementation)
 - The catalog will be published in late February so students can register under a current catalog
 - All curriculum changes must be approved in Fall 2026 for inclusion in the February catalog
 - Catalog addenda will be used to incorporate GE approvals, legislative changes, external oversight bodies, and any updates to state/federal requirements

B. DEIA²/UDL Taskforce

1. First Committee Meeting – October 19, 2026

C. Discipline Change(s)

1. EDUC 10 - Critical Skills for College Success
Discipline: Add ESL: Noncredit
Effective Term: Fall 2026

D. Exempt from Orientation

1. KIN 38 - Ballroom Dance I
Effective Term: Spring 2027
2. KIN 39 - Ballroom Dance II
Effective Term: ~~Fall~~ Spring 2027
Committee acknowledged Information Items

7. **Consent Agenda**

A. Course Modification(s) – 2 minutes

1. **WLD 150 - Shop Practices for Beginning Welders (.50-1.0 Units)**

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience for beginning welding students. Students will practice skills in oxyacetylene welding (OAW), oxy-fuel cutting (OFC) and shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) processes in the flat and horizontal positions on various joint details. All welds will meet the American Welding Society (AWS) qualification standards. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 1.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.*

Minor Modification: Change in objectives, methods of instruction, methods of evaluation, examples of assignments, and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

Pulled from consent – See Action Item 8 C.1

2. **WLD 152 - Shop Practices for Intermediate Welders (.50-1.0 Units)**

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience for intermediate welding students. Students will practice skills in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW), oxy-fuel cutting (OFC), plasma arc cutting (PAC), and air carbon arc cutting and gouging (CAC-A). Welding and cutting processes will be in the flat, horizontal, vertical, and overhead positions on groove welds with backing and open V-groove welds. All welds will meet the American Welding Society (AWS) qualification standards. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 1.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.*

Minor Modification: Change in methods of instruction, methods of evaluation, examples of assignments, and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

Pulled from consent – See Action Item 8 C.1

3. WLD 160 - Welding Certification Practices (1.0-2.0 Units)

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience to help prepare students to meet the required standard for qualification papers in welding codes using American Welding Society (AWS) and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) specifications. Students will practice skills in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW), flux core arc welding (FCAW), and gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW), in all positions on plate and pipe, in preparation for weld performance tests with certified welding inspectors (CWI) or contractors. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 2.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.*

Minor Modification: Change in materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

Motion to approve consent agenda; M/S/P

8. Action Item(s)

A. Course Modification(s) – 12 minutes

1. WLD 154 - Shop Practices for Welders I (1.0-2.0 Units)

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience for first semester welding program students. Students will practice skills in oxyacetylene welding (OAW), oxy-fuel cutting (OFC), shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW), and flux core arc welding (FCAW) in all positions (flat, vertical, horizontal and overhead). Students will also use a variety of freehand and automatic burning equipment including plasma arc cutting (PAC) units and air carbon arc cutting and gouging (CAC-A) units. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 2.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.*

Major Modification: Change in corequisites (delete WLD 22, WLD 24, WLD 25, WLD 26, and WLD 40), and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

Chris Armitage represented WLD

- Classes offered on Saturdays for returning students and welding certifications*
- Discussion included requisites, program maps, student cohort management, and the requirement for students to take WLD 150 and WLD 152 (not currently included in the program)*

Motion to block 8 A.1-A.6 and approve; M/S/P

2. WLD 156 - Shop Practices for Welders II (1.0-2.0 Units)

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience for second semester welding program students. Students will practice skills in gas metal arc welding (GMAW), gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW), flux cored arc welding (FCAW), and shielded metal arc welding (SMAW) on a variety of materials in the flat, vertical, horizontal, and overhead positions. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 2.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.*

Major Modification: Change in prerequisites (delete WLD 22, WLD 24, WLD 25, WLD 26, WLD 40, and WLD 154), corequisites (delete WLD 28, WLD 30, WLD 32, WLD 34, WLD 36, WLD 42, and WLD 56), and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

See Action 8 A.1

3. **WLD 158 - Shop Practices for Pipe and Tube Welders (.50-1.0 Units)**

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience for pipe and tube welders. Students will practice skills in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW), flux core arc welding (FCAW), gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW), oxyacetylene welding (OAW), and oxy-fuel cutting (OFC) processes on several piping systems. Performance standards will meet the American Petroleum Institute (API) 1104 and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section IX. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 1.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.*

Major Modification: Change in prerequisites (add "Permission of Instructor"; delete WLD 22, WLD 24, WLD 25, WLD 26, WLD 28, WLD 30, WLD 32, WLD 34, WLD 36, WLD 40, WLD 42, WLD 50, WLD 56, WLD 154, WLD 156, WLD 160 and NCCER Level III Welding Qualification), corequisite (delete WLD 55), and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

[See Action 8 A.1](#)

4. **WLD 159 - Shop Practices for Advanced Pipe Welders (.50-1.0 Units)**

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience for pipe and tube welders. Students will practice skills in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW), flux core arc welding (FCAW), gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW), oxyacetylene welding (OAW), and oxy-fuel cutting (OFC) processes on several piping systems. American Petroleum Institute (API) 1104, American Welding Society (AWS) and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section IX will be practiced. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 1.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.*

Major Modification: Change in minimum units (from .25 lab to .50 lab), minimum hours (from 12.75 lab to 25.50 lab), examples of assignments, and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

[See Action 8 A.1](#)

5. **WLD 162 - Pipe and Tube Welding Certification Practices (.50-1.0 Units)**

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience to help prepare students to meet the required standard for qualification papers in welding codes using American Petroleum Institute (API) 1104 and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section IX. Students will practice skills in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW), flux core arc welding (FCAW), gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW), oxyacetylene welding (OAW), and oxy-fuel cutting (OFC) processes on several piping systems in preparation for weld performance tests with certified welding inspectors (CWI) or contractors. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 2.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.*

Major Modification: Change in units (from 1.0-2.0 to .50-1.0), hours (from 51-102 lab to 25.50-51 lab), and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

[See Action 8 A.1](#)

6. **WLD 164 - Welding Recertification Practices (1.0-2.0 Units)**

Catalog Description: *This is a supervised lab experience to help students recertify to meet the required standard for qualification papers in welding codes using American Welding Society (AWS), American Petroleum Institute (API) 1104, and American Society of Mechanical Engineers (ASME) Section IX. Students will practice skills in shielded metal arc welding (SMAW), gas metal arc welding (GMAW), flux core arc welding (FCAW), gas tungsten arc welding (GTAW), oxyacetylene welding (OAW) processes on plate and several piping systems in preparation for weld performance tests with certified*

welding inspectors (CWI) or contractors. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 1.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.

Major Modification: Change in minimum units (from .25 lab to .50 lab), minimum hours (from 12.75 lab to 25.50 lab), methods of evaluation, and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

[See Action 8 A.1](#)

B. Program Modification(s) – 2 minutes

1. Certificate in Allied Health (9 Units)

Catalog Description: *The Allied Health Certificate is designed to prepare students to enter the healthcare field. The curriculum is designed as an introduction to careers in healthcare. It will also provide an understanding of medical terminology, and issues affecting public health and our society. In addition, the certificate provides curriculum on “soft skills” in healthcare, for example communication and professionalism. Upon completion of this certificate, students may be able to obtain an entry level position in the healthcare industry as well as submitting the certificate of completion to healthcare programs as part of their application process.*

Modification: Change in units (from 12 to 9) and required core (delete CLP 30)

Rationale: Program update

Effective Term: Fall 2027

[Lisa Gunn represented ALH](#)

- [ALH 6 covers degree and career planning; CLP 30 no longer needed](#)
- [Revise PLO #2 to: “Analyze and apply common health care terminology to interpret information and solve problems across health care coursework.”](#)
- [Department approved PLO changes](#)

[Motion to revise PLO #2; M/S/P](#)

[Motion to approve as amended; M/S/P](#)

C. Consent Agenda/Other Item(s) – 5 minutes

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Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

- [Technical edits to correct typos on WLD 150 and WLD 152](#)
- [Discussion about making SLOs more actionable; department confirmed the SLOs are appropriate for the open lab format for students to practice welding skills](#)
- [Recommendation to add catalog language addressing WLD 150 and WLD 152 \(variable-unit courses\) for clarification and financial aid purposes](#)

[Motion to block items 8 C.1-C.2 and approve; M/S/P](#)

2. WLD 152 - Shop Practices for Intermediate Welders (.50-1.0 Units)

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qualification standards. This course may be repeated to a maximum of 1.00 units to complete the entire curriculum of the course. Pass/No Pass only. Open Entry/Open Exit.

Minor Modification: Change in methods of instruction, methods of evaluation, examples of assignments, and materials of instruction

Rationale: Curriculum review

Effective Term: Fall 2027

See Action Item 8 C.1

D. AP 4020 Program, Curriculum, and Course Development – 20 minutes

1. Draft AP 4020 – Program and Course Development – Patrick McDougall

- Discussion about APs establishing college rules and procedures, excluding the membership list, change processes, and the roles of Curriculum Committees and Academic Senates
- Recommendation to revise the Chief Instructional Officer's (CIO) role from "approves" to "recommends" curriculum, with the President forwarding the recommendations to the Board of Trustees

Motion to delete AP 4020 membership list; M/S/P

Motion to amend the CIO's role from "approves" to "recommends" and approve; M/S/P

Motion to forward AP 4020 to the Academic Senate for consideration; M/S/P

E. Curriculum Committee Bylaws – 20 minutes

1. Proposed Bylaws Changes – Patrick McDougall

- Discussion about member voting status, including non-voting and advisory member roles; removing CIO non-voting language in Item 2.i.; and adding an additional student representative as a voting member
- Recommendation to replace "shall" in the bylaws, as it implies a required action by a specific person/entity; depending on the context, "will" or "must" may be more appropriate
- Discussion about Student Representative membership and opportunities to participate in developing college policies and procedures that may affect them (Title 5, § 51032.71)
- Recommendation that students should attend Curriculum Institute and the retreat for training
- Technical edits: Change Article III.A.4 from "for" to "from," revise B.6 to the plural form, update the purpose statement from the Charter, and add missing Item 3.C. regarding membership responsibilities

Motion to remove Item 2.i. and add "or designee"; M/S/P

Motion to add two voting Student Representatives; M/S (Motion fails)

Motion to amend Article I: Name remove "shall" and change to "is the Curriculum Committee;" M/S/P (Ayes 16; Nays 1; Abstention 0)

Motion to postpone item 8 E.1 to the next meeting; M/S/P

9. Discussion Item(s)

A. Future Meetings

- October 12, 2026
- October 26, 2026

10. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 4:20pm; M/S/P