



Program Research and Recommendation  
**MINUTES**  
November 10, 2025

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**Members Present**

Irma Gonzalez Cuadros, Co-Chairperson  
Dr. Robert White, Co-Chairperson  
John Dahlgren, Drafting  
Colin Ferguson, Physical Sciences

Yasminn Freitas, Student Representative  
Patrick McDougall, Curriculum Chair  
Brian Murphy, Director, Institutional Research

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**Members Absent**

Teresa Doyle, Dean  
Jessica Jackson, Articulation Officer  
Kim Kirkwood, Academic Senate VP

Luke Sathrum, Computer Science  
Erik Shearer, Asst Supt/VP Instruction  
Bobby Walden, Counselor

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**Guests Present**

Bonnie Baxter, Environmental Horticulture  
Danielle Gray, Rising Scholars  
Ryan Heimlich, Performing Arts Chair

Don Robinson, Dean  
Ricky Wittsell, Agriculture Chair

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**AGENDA**

1. **Agenda Adoption - 1 minute**

*Request for unanimous consent to approve agenda; M/S/P*

2. **Minutes Approval - 1 minute**

A. October 13, 2025

*Motion to approve minutes; M/S/P (Abstentions - 2)*

3. **General Announcements - 3 minutes**

Program Research and Recommendation members are invited to make announcements to the committee

- None

4. **Public Comments - 3 minutes**

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

- None

5. **Consent Agenda**

- None

6. **Information Item(s) - 2 minutes**

A. Curriculum Committee Report - Patrick McDougall

- All CCN templates effective Fall 2026 approved at 11/3/25 meeting
- Any major curriculum modifications for Fall 2026 must be approved Fall 2025

## 7. Action Item(s)

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### A. Project Advisory Team (PAT) Approval(s)

1. Dance
  2. Fashion
  3. Musical Instrument Repair
  4. Radio, TV, Film (RTVF)
    - Ryan Heimlich represented Performing Arts
      - Resubmission of PAT proposals due to change in personnel
- Motion to block 7 A.1-A.4 and approve; M/S/P*

### B. Project Advisory Team (PAT) Report

1. Environmental Horticulture
    - Bonnie Baxter represented Environmental Horticulture
      - Presented information about program evolution, success models of other campuses, overall labor market
      - Critical curriculum updates needed (last review 2014); revisions planned to provide student flexibility and completion success
      - Discussed current horticulture programs and their student populations; connections with high school dual enrollment and veterans
      - Introduction to Floral Design proposed as key future course; would feed into several program pathways; not offered at Chico State but available in high schools
      - Committee questioned additional facility and faculty resources needed
      - Discussed student enrollment trends, number of courses, and frequency of offerings; placement of horticulture courses in other programs
      - Committee provided summary of PRR approval process, next steps
- Motion to recommend revitalization; M/S/P*

### C. New Program Proposal(s)

#### 1. Noncredit Certificate in College & Community Transitions (competency);

- Danielle Gray represented Rising Scholars
    - Presented work happening to offer education inside jail and day reporting center, recent parolees to help students get connected with community
    - Discussion of noncredit (free) offerings, which reduce barriers for formerly/incarcerated students; CDCP provides enhanced funding
    - Discussion about hybrid intention to schedule courses fully in person and also online, to capture students in different situations
    - Committee clarified PAT formation process and provided recommendations for inclusion of BCOE and BCSO staff in addition to educational faculty and research staff
- Motion to approve for PAT formation; M/S/P (Abstention - 1)*

#### 2. Noncredit Certificate in Employment and Resource Management for Community Transitions (completion)

- Danielle Gray represented Rising Scholars
    - Presented certificate intention to help prepare students for workforce
    - Confirmed secure status of Rising Scholars state funding
    - Committee discussed the two certificates and combination of PAT research, detail to include in PAT report, and recommendation to include institutional research staff
- Motion to approve for PAT formation; M/S/P (Abstention - 1)*  
*Motion to allow flexibility to create single PAT for PRR approval; M/S/P (Abstention - 1)*  
*Motion to amend previous motion to allow flexibility for single PAT report covering both certificates; M/S/P (Abstention - 1)*

9. **Discussion Item(s)**

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- None

10. **Adjournment**

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*Motion to adjourn; M/S/P*