

## SUMMARY REPORT

Edison State College CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, JANUARY 29, 2010, at 1:00 pm in Taeni Hall (S - 117)

### Action Item # 1

**Proposal:** The Department of Speech Communication proposed the following prerequisite change to *SPC 1017 Fundamentals of Speech Communication* and *SPC 2023 Introduction to Public Speaking*. The course *ENC 1101 English Composition I* will be prerequisite for both *SPC 1017* and *SPC 2023*. The applicable date would be Fall 2010.

**Explanation:** This change is in line with the practice at other community and state colleges in Florida. It reflects the reality that students in basic college level speech classes need research, writing, and MLA documentation skills for their speech assignments. This change had the enthusiastic endorsement of eight Speech Communication faculty members. Professor Katy Paschall, the proposal's presenter explained that much research is done in Speech using MLA documentation, that students need to understand plagiarism and academic dishonesty, and that students need good writing skills for Speech classes. There is no time for remediation in Speech classes; this prerequisite change would increase the pass rate in Speech courses. Professor Ransford expressed the concern about whether this prerequisite would prevent students from putting together a full schedule. The Committee was assured that students would be assisted in assembling a full schedule. Jeanette Downey inquired about whether this meets writing intensive requirements of the Gordon Rule. Professor Marty Ambrose said it does not. It was brought to the Committee's attention that, while many Edison State College students are not native English speakers, Speech classes are NOT accent reduction, voice and diction courses. Amanda Pollitt commented that *English Composition I* needs to be a prerequisite for many courses, and other Committee members agreed with this sentiment. The Committee was also informed that with Edison State's open enrollment, around 70% of students here need remediation. A National Communication Association study was mentioned. At Edison State and across the U.S., most students take Speech in their second year of college. Professor Lisa Rice noticed that the third column in the syllabus was not filled in. Professor James Ward complimented the thoroughness and polish of this proposal, and Chair Conwell agreed that this proposal was outstanding.

**Recommendation:** On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted.

**Status:**

### Action Item # 2

Dental Hygiene/Dental Assisting Coordinator Karen Molumby's proposal for changes to the degree requirements of the *Dental Hygiene Program* was postponed until the February 2010 meeting of the Edison State College Curriculum Committee.

### Action Item # 3

**Proposal:** Dr. Mary Lewis proposed a new AS degree program in *Human Services*. The applicable date would be Fall 2010.

**Explanation:** The *Human Services* degree program is for students seeking a rewarding career helping others who are experiencing personal and socialization problems. This field is on the Workforce Development Board's list of high need and high pay as a growing field. The *Associate Degree in Human Services* will prepare students for entry-level positions in social services or for transfer to four-year colleges or universities to pursue human services, psychology, social work, sociology, and other related social science majors. Professor Jennifer Grove wondered whether there will be time to get new courses for this degree program before the Curriculum Committee. Professor James Ward inquired about math requirements for this new degree. Ray Medhurst discussed building in the requirement for higher math and asked if a coordinator will be hired to develop the program courses by fall. Dr. Lewis said that instructors will be found to develop courses. Professor Don Ransford stressed the need for statistics. Professor Lisa Rice asked if this was a transferable degree since it was an A.S. degree. Dr. Lewis said transferability would be built into the courses and the program. Regarding qualifications of faculty, instructors with counseling, nursing, social work, addictions specializations, and masters degrees in human services would have the necessary graduate 18 hours to teach classes in the *Human Services* program. Jeannette Downey asked which anatomy and physiology will be accepted. The Committee was informed that 240 caring people are regularly turned away from the college's *Nursing* program, and *Human Services* will attract some of these applicants. Professor Lisa Rice asked whether there will be drug testing of students in this new program. Chair Conwell observed that many drug and alcohol counselors have past histories of overcoming addictions themselves. Dr. Lewis indicated that drug testing and criminal background checks will be a part of this program.

**Recommendation:** On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted. New courses for this degree program will be presented at upcoming Curriculum Committee meetings. The background documentation for this new degree program was placed on the Document Manager.

**Status:**

### **Information Item**

It was noted that the third column was added to the following course syllabi: *ACG 2071 Accounting for Non-Majors; CRW 2001 Creative Writing I; ENC 1102 English Composition II (Essay); ENC 1102 English Composition (Technical Writing); ENC 1101 English Composition I; LIN 1670 Basic Grammar; HIM 1211 Electronic Health Records; HIM 1806 Professional Practice; HIM 2012 Healthcare Law; HIM 222 Basic ICD – 9 - CM Coding; MAE 4940 Internship in Secondary Ed (Mathematics); MAN 3502 Operations and Supply Chain Management; MNA 3038 Project Management; POS 2141 Introduction to Urban Politics; PSY 2012 General Psychology; SYG 1000 Introduction to Sociology; SYG 1010 Contemporary Social Problems; SYG 2430 Marriage and the Family.*

**End of Report**

**Respectfully submitted,**

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Chair of Curriculum Committee