

## SUMMARY REPORT

Edison State College CURRICULUM COMMITTEE  
FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2010, at 1:00 pm in Taeni Hall, S -117

### Action Item # 1

**Proposal:** Professor Joyce Rollins proposed a one-time approval to offer *EDE 3315* during the Summer 2011 Semester. The applicable date would be Summer 2011.

**Explanation:** This one-time deviation would allow 21 elementary education students to intern and graduate in the Fall 2011 Semester. This is an emergency request to accommodate a large group of students to achieve timely graduation. Ray Medhurst brought up that courses are part of a student's catalog year, and this class is not in this year's catalog, which creates a problem proving a student met graduation requirements for the catalog year. Student has catalog year based on when student starts. Kevin Shriner said if the state eliminates a course that should be for future students, not current students, and mentioned the student's contract with the college. Professor Rollins explained that the state cut UCF's funding for offering the course, and Edison State College had a contract with UCF for UCF to offer this course online. Judy Grasso asked if there was anything to prove requirements met for a graduation audit, and Professor Grove suggested that the Curriculum Committee Summary Report be used here. Professor Lisa Rice mentioned a 10 year statute of limitations for graduation audits, but Ray Medhurst countered with the question of whether an electronic curriculum committee document would still be around 10 years from now. Bill Shuluk asked Ray Medhurst if there could not be a digital record for auditors to examine, and Ray Medhurst responded that the only thing that he (Medhurst) can do is look at the print catalog. Joyce Rollins said that the 2011-2012 catalog has the course. Associate Dean Dennette Foy said that the start or end catalog can be used for students, which solves the problem. Ray Medhurst asked if there had been any other curriculum changes in the last couple of years. Joyce Rollins said, no, none for elementary education students. Bill Shuluk asked if there were tracking mechanisms in banner as that would be a way for archive records to attach. Ray Medhurst said there is an extender for individual records, and Bill Shuluk said this could be done then. Ray Medhurst reiterated his concern about whether electronic records will be available 10 years from now. Judy Grasso pointed out that summer scheduling was over and that the schedulers were now in their third week of scheduling for the Fall 2011 Semester. She also stated that faculty pay is now going to be generated through load. Professor James Ward said he felt for the students, but he also saw the Registrar's point of verifying a degree 10 years from now. Professor Don Ransford said that he was not trivializing the concerns of Ray Medhurst and Judy Grasso, but Professor Ransford felt being student-centered in this case was a priority. Ray Medhurst wanted to double check if there have been any curriculum changes for the elementary education students, and he expressed concerns about electronic catalogs being offered which can be instantly changed. Vice Chair Grove asked about the absence of the signature of the Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs on this proposal. Joyce Rollins called Dean Erin Harrel, who confirmed that Interim Vice President Edith Pendleton signed the proposal on April 14, 2011. Suzy Callanan brought the proposal to the meeting with Interim Vice President Edith Pendleton's signature. Chair Conwell pointed out that the signature of Vice President Edith Pendleton was dated April 22, 2011. After a lengthy discussion elaborating on

various concerns regarding graduation audits and the lack of permanency of electronic records, the majority of the Curriculum Committee members expressed their sympathy for the plight of the 21 elementary education students in graduation limbo.

**Recommendation:** On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted. Two "No" votes were recorded from Ray Medhurst and Vice-Chair Jennifer Grove.

**Status:**

**Action Item # 2**

**Proposal:** Professor Martha Jenner and Dr. Denise McNulty proposed the following course prerequisite and corequisite changes. For *NUR 4169 Evidence-Based Nursing Practice*, removal of *NUR 4165 Nursing Research* as a course prerequisite. For *NUR 4847 Clinical Decision Making*, removal of *NUR 3066C* as a course prerequisite. For *NUR 4827 Leadership in Nursing*, *NUR 4827L Leadership in Nursing Practicum*, *NUR 4636 Community Health Nursing*, and *NUR 4636L Community Health Nursing Practicum*, removal of corequisite requirement. The applicable date would be Fall 2012.

**Explanation:** These course prerequisite and corequisite changes do not impact student success, but do decrease registration problems and student difficulty and lower attrition.

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

**Status:**

**Action Item # 3**

**Proposal:** Professor Joann Lewin proposed changes to course prerequisites and prerequisites' minimum grade for *MAC 2311 Calculus with Analytic Geometry I*. The new course prerequisites would be (*MAC 1106 & MAC 1114 with minimum grade of "C" in each course*) OR (*MAC 1140 & MAC 1114 with minimum grade of "C" in each course*) OR *MAC 1147 with minimum grade of "C"*. The applicable date would be Fall 2011.

**Explanation:** *MAC 1106* allows students to cover *MAC 1105* and *MAC 1140* in one semester, and successful completion of *MAC 1106* indicates readiness for *MAC 2311*. Associate Dean Kim Gresham asked about the number of credit hours. Vice-Chair Jennifer Grove had concerns about how this proposal would affect the catalog, and Judy Grasso said the catalog will be ready on May 1, 2011.

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

**Status:**

**Action Item # 4**

**Proposal:** Professor Stuart Brown proposed change to course credit hours from *six (6) credit hours or one (1) credit hour* to *four (4) credit hours* for the following courses: *TPA 1200 Fundamentals of Theatre Practice I; TPA 2200 Fundamentals of Theatre Practice II; THE 1925 Theatre Performance and Production; THE 2925 Theatre Performance and Production*. The applicable date would be Fall 2011.

**Explanation:** This change is part of redesigning Edison State College's Theatre Program and removes discrepancies between studio hours and credit hours. This change will bring the college's theatre program in line with theatre programs at other state colleges and universities. Professor Brown explained that his research showed that Edison State College has the only one-person theatre program in the State of Florida. He plans to redesign the program this summer. Professor Brown said that student actors receive six (6) credits, but student technicians receive one (1) credit for the same courses. Professor Brown had questioned his predecessor about this discrepancy, but that individual did not know why there was this disparity. Chair Conwell expressed concern that this credit discrepancy devalued the complex skills and talents of theatre technicians. Professor Don Ransford asked if this would impact the catalog. Judy Grasso said that she had been calling all year about the credit discrepancy. Some Curriculum Committee members wondered if the Committee should examine the work load and burden on professors who teach "lab" courses like this, but it was generally agreed that such matters are not within the scope and mission of the Curriculum Committee.

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

**Status:**



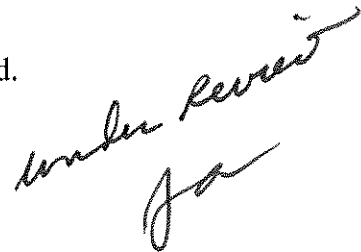
#### **Addendum Action Item**

**Proposal:** Associate Dean Dennette Foy, Professor David Oliver, Dr. Doug Nay, and Professor Albert Dambrose proposed program changes and clarification of program electives for the *AS Degree in Business Administration and Management* and the *AS Degree in Drafting and Design Technology*. The applicable date would be Fall 2012.

**Explanation:** Faculty in both programs have approved electives for smoother transition from the A.S. degree to a four-year degree. The Curriculum Committee was informed that *AS Business* students often transfer to a four-year business degree and *AS Drafting/Design* students who pursue four-year degrees usually either go to the School of Architecture at the University of Florida or study engineering at the University of South Florida. The proposed changes would help self-advising students and clarify self-audits. Associate Dean Foy said this had already been discussed with Ray Medhurst.

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

**Status:**



**Information Item Changed to Action Item**

**Information Item:** Dr. Atkins approved *AST 2003C Astronomy: The Solar System* and *AST 2004C Astronomy: Stars, Galaxies, and Cosmology*. The applicable date would be Fall 2011.

**Explanation:** Chair Conwell clarified that she had been informed of the approval of these two courses, but that she had not been consulted nor had she participated in this decision. These courses were denied at the February 2011 Curriculum Committee Meeting because the presenter of the course proposals had left, and no one was available to present and discuss the proposed courses with the Curriculum Committee. Curriculum Committee members were concerned that the Curriculum Committee process had been circumvented, especially when the proposed courses could have been brought before the Curriculum Committee at the March 2011 or April 2011 meetings. Adding to the need for clarification on this matter, Dr. Rohrbach noted that Dr. Atkins approved the Curriculum Committee's denial of these two courses in the February 2011 Curriculum Committee Summary Report. Professor Lisa Rice pointed out that no single degree requires astronomy; therefore, no student would be harmed if these courses are not offered until Fall 2012 so that proper Curriculum Committee review procedures can be followed. Vice-Chair Grove moved to have this Information Item revisited by Dr. Pendleton, the Interim Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs, with the goal of allowing the Curriculum Committee to reconsider the two proposed courses at the September 2011 Curriculum Committee Meeting. The motion was seconded and then voted on. Because Dr. Atkins has returned as Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs, he would now be the individual to revisit this information item.

**Recommendation:** On a Voice Vote, the Proposal to have the Vice-President of Academic and Student Affairs revisit VP approval of *AST 2003C* and *AST 2004C* in order for the Curriculum Committee to reconsider the two proposed courses at the September 2011 Meeting was Accepted.

**Status:**

**Election**

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**Proposal:** The proposed candidate for Chair of the Curriculum Committee for 2011 – 2012 and 2012 – 2013 academic years was Dr. Jennifer Grove, and the proposed candidate for the same time period for Vice-Chair of the Curriculum Committee was Professor Don Ransford. The applicable date would be Summer 2011.

**Explanation:** Chair Candidate Grove offered her experience as Vice-Chair of the Curriculum Committee for the past two years, many years of prior experience as a serving member of the Curriculum Committee, and her Ph.D. in Curriculum and Instruction. Vice Chair Candidate Ransford qualified through his many years of service on the Curriculum Committee, as well as his leadership roles on a multitude of other college committees. Chair Conwell expressed her appreciation for having the opportunity to serve for the past four years as Chair of the Edison State College Curriculum Committee and commented that the members were the “world’s best Curriculum Committee.” Chair Conwell also stated her confidence in the leadership and guidance Dr. Grove will provide for the Curriculum Committee for the next two years.

**Recommendation:** On a Voice Vote, the Proposal was Accepted. Dr. Jennifer Grove was elected Chair of the Curriculum Committee, and Professor Don Ransford was elected Vice-Chair of the Curriculum Committee.

**Status:**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Mary Conwell, J.D.**  
**Chair of Curriculum Committee**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mary Conwell', is written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.