Curriculum Committee Notes
January 16, 2026
Chair: Jeremy Pilarski
Link: https://fsw.zoom.us/j/81256024575

I. Information Items

1. Computer Science Courses, Dr. George Kodsey

A. The courses in the Computer Science department were evaluated as part of the regular assessment process to ensure alignment with the appropriate general education competency. General education competencies and course learning outcomes were realigned and updated.

2. ESC 1000C, Dr. Micahel Sauer

A. The course learning objective language was simplified and compacted with lower level Bloom's taxonomy removed (to MLOs). This revision is being coordinated with a GLY1000C revision to ensure compatibility and limit overlap. A full online revision of this course is necessary this summer to accommodate a newly revised Pearson textbook and the 5-year limit of the certified online course. This provides the opportune time to revise course learning objectives.

3. EVR 1001C, Dr. Lisa Pickell

A. The proposed changes to the course learning outcomes are intended to create broader, more flexible statements that allow instructors the necessary subjectivity to address these larger environmental science topics. The current learning outcomes as is are more specific and may limit instructional approaches. Additionally, the revised learning outcomes would align more closely with the expectations outlined in Florida Statute 1007.55, which emphasizes clear statewide articulation and consistency across educational institutions.

4. Supervision and Management Technician, Prof. Alisa Callahan

A. This proposal seeks to officially adopt program learning outcomes and publish them in the FSW catalog.

5. Emergency Medical Services Technology

A. The department has created program learning outcomes for several programs and submits them for inclusion on the program's catalog page.

II. Course Proposals

1. MMC 2150, Writing for Social Media, Prof. Jamie Votraw, Dr. Katherine O'Connor

A. The proposed course, Writing for Social Media, is designed to support the goals of a new Associate in Science (A.S.) in Emerging Media Communication at Florida SouthWestern State College. campaigns. There is an increasing need for employees who can produce creative, ethical, and data-informed content. This course responds directly to that workforce demand, giving FSW students a competitive advantage in the job market. Students in Writing for Social Media will learn how to write purposeful, concise, and audience-centered content across multiple platforms. Additionally, the course will cover professional standards related to law, ethics, and artificial intelligence in online communication. Writing

for Social Media complements other courses within the A.S. in Emerging Media Communication (proposal in the works for Fall 2027), bridging written communication with visual design and strategic messaging.

B. Approved, WVB, DE

2. QMB 3302 Business Analytics, New Course, Dr. Tim Lucas

A. This course expands in-demand Curriculum: QMB 3302 provides an advanced data analytics course option, building upon the foundational knowledge offered in the Associate in Science in Business Analytics program. This allows the college to cater to students seeking more specialized and in-depth training in this critical area. The course enhances the BAS in Supervision and Management by offering a valuable new elective for students pursuing the Bachelor of Applied Science in Supervision and Management. By equipping these students with robust analytical skills, QMB 3302 will enhance their ability to make data-driven decisions in leadership roles.

B. Approved, WVB, DE.

3. SWS 1000C and AEB 2905C

A. These two new courses are part of an intended pathway and eventual new A.S. program in Agribusiness in Hendry and Glades Counties. The proposed SWS 1000C Introduction to Soil Science course is designed to meet the educational and workforce needs of students and agricultural professionals in Hendry and Glades Counties—two of Florida's most productive farming regions. The proposed course, AEB 2950 Introduction to Southwest Florida Agriculture: Data, Technology, and Field Applications, offers students an immersive, experiential, and academically rigorous introduction to the field. This course combines classroom instruction, structured discussions, laboratory activities, and field-based experiential learning through visits to regional farms, research stations, and agribusiness operations.

B. Approved, RM, WVB

III. Program Proposals and Associated Course Proposals

1. Nursing AS Program Change, Dr. Susan Holland

A. This proposal updates the Nursing, AS admission requirements to clarify the policy language for the mathematics course and for the GPA. Further, program learning outcomes are included for the catalog page and some language in the Academic Standards was revised.

B. Approved, DE, WVB

2. Nursing, BSN Program Change, Prof. Marsha Weiner

A. This proposal updates the Nursing, AS admission requirements to clarify the policy language for the mathematics course and for the GPA. Further, program learning outcomes are included for the catalog page and some language in the Academic Standards was revised.

B. Approved, WVB, DE

3. Computer Programmer, CCC, Information Tech. Support Specialist, etc., Prof. Rushell Hopkins, Dr. Mary Myers

A. This proposal updates programs and one course in computer science programs to include the CAI prefix (Computing: Artificial Intelligence). The course CAI 1001 was approved at the November 2025 Curriculum Committee meeting.
B. Approved, WVB, DE

4. Paralegal Studies, AS and Real Estate Paralegal, Prof. Matthew Hoffman

A. The paralegal program has not had any significant changes for over a dozen years. The legal world has changed since COVID and the program and courses needed to be updated for relevance, technological changes, state and national trends, and with extensive input from the local legal community through our Paralegal Advisory Board as to how to update the program to reflect the needs of the workforce in Florida.
B. Approved, WVB, BS

5. Criminal Justice, AS Program Change, Dr. Brian O'Reilly

A.   PLA 2022 and PLA 2880 are being removed from the Paralegal Studies program. These classes are two elective classes for the Homeland Security track for AS CJ. Since they are no longer going to be taught in the Paralegal Studies program, the AS in Criminal Justice Technology needs to be updated with coursework to satisfy the elective track.
B. Approved, WVB, DE

IV. Course Discontinuation

1. Inclusion Specialist, Dr. Kelly Ross

A. Discontinuation of this CCC is necessary as a result of the elimination of one of its required courses, EDF 2085 Introduction to Diversity for Educators, at the State level. The currently enrolled student will be provided with an alternate course to complete the CCC by August 2026
B. Approved, WVB, AH

V. Additional New Business, Dr. Rebecca Harris

1. CAI 1001C Course Name Update, Dr. Rebecca Harris

A. Course name change: "Introduction to Artificial Intelligence" from "Artificial Intelligence Thinking."

VI. Committee Business, Prof. Jeremy Pilarski

A. Dates for Feb. and Mar. meeting will be updated. One person from the committee expressed interest in the chair position. If anyone else has interest, please feel free to contact me, the current chair.
B. Meeting adjourned, DE, WVB @ 1:40pm
*Notes, Prof. Jeremy Pilarski

VII. Committee Attendance

Curriculum Members: Faculty	DEPT.	Attendance	Proxy
Prof. Randy Evans	SoAHSS	P	
Prof. Dani Peterson	SoAHSS	P	
Prof. Alisa Callahan	SoBT	P	
Prof. William Van Glabek	SoBt	P	

Dr. Terri Ratini	SoED	P	
Prof. Debra Ebaugh	SoHP	P	
Prof. William Stoudt	SoPAS	P	
Prof. Arenthia Herren	Library	P	
Prof. Mark Massaro	SoAHS	P	
Prof. Evan Johnson	SoAHSS	P	
Prof. Eric Ivy	SoAHSS	P	

EX-Officio

Ex-Offico Members	Attendance	Proxy
Dr. Rebecca Harris	P	
Dr. Martin McClinton	P	
Dr. Brenda Knight	P	
Jarrod Nuebert	P	
Dr. Joseph Van Galen	P	
Mary Font	P	
Jenna Rytlewski	P	
April Falso	P	
Dr. Christy Gilfert	P	
Andrae Jones	P	
Dr. Brian Page	A	Dr. Jennifer Summary, Assistant Dean