

## Curriculum Committee Meeting

Thursday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025

1:00PM-Building 4, Room 41

Attendees: Christina Hale (Chair), Happy Gingras (Chief Academic Officer), Dr. Dean McCall, Manika Parker, Camille Richardson, Erica Caracoglia, Allison Stalls(Not voting member), Vickie Murphy, Denise King, Leslie Bonds, James Kennedy (non-voting member)

1. Approval/Additions to Agenda – None
2. Approval of Minutes from Last Meeting:  
Motion to approve: Happy Gingras  
Second the Motion: Manika Parker  
All in favor: Yes  
Opposed: None
3. Natural Hair Care: Talked about at previous Curriculum Committee meeting. Asking for an extension. Will not start until Summer 2026 at the earliest.  
Motion to approve: Dean McCall  
Second the motion: Manika Parker  
All in favor: Yes  
Opposed: None
4. Art-113: Add Art-113 as an elective to the Associate of Science and Associate of Arts, start in the Fall of 2026. DPI requires high school students to take ART-113 in order to get fine art credit. Hands on art class using paints and items. Looking for the most cost-effective kit.  
  
Motion to approve: Christine Sommerville  
  
Second the Motion: Dean McCall  
  
All in favor: Yes  
Opposed: None

5. ISA with COA: an agreement with College of the Albemarle with their Physical Therapist department. Same agreement we have with Beaufort and Edgecomb. Students must qualify by GPA and all other requirements and will be interviewed to be accepted. Up to 2 slots available Fall of 2026. If we have open slots we are willing to accept more to fill the class.

Motion to approve: Hunter Millard

Second the motion: Christine Sommerville

All in favor: Yes

Opposed: None

6. Local Articulated Agreement: Martin county schools asked MCC to offer this. Happy had each chair look over the list so see if they teach the same material as MCC does. Only problem with Local articulation is that the credit may not be transferred to a 4-year school. Articulated credit is credit that is granted in specific courses by Martin Community College to students who have satisfactorily completed equivalent high school courses.

Motion to approve: Dean McCall

Second the motion: Vickie Murphy

All in favor: Yes

Opposed:

7. Practical Nursing: Add Practical Nursing to Curriculum. Start Spring 2027  
Denise was hired using expansion grant funding with the system office. She has been tasked with creating a nursing curriculum program and overseeing it. This has been looked over and signed off on by Erica. Will allow 20 students, if another faculty member is hired. Students ranked by quality points. No admission testing to increase enrollment. Testing has shown admission testing has no correlation to success in this program; Bio is the key indicator for students' success. Bypassed bio-163 instead students need to take Bio-168 and Bio-169. High-cost program which is why Denise worked to remove barriers to fill classes.

Motion to approve: Camille Richardson

Second the motion: Dean McCall

All in favor: Yes

Opposed: None

8. Audit Policy Change: Remove “Students may not audit a course more than 2 times” from the policy. Checking on state policy tabled until next meeting.

Motion to approve: Tabled until next meeting

Second to motion:

All in favor:

Opposed:

9. Public Safety Administration: Terminate this curriculum program. Low enrollment for multiple years. Losing money on this program. PAD and FIP to be removed from the catalog.

Motion to approve: Christine Sommerville

Second to motion: Erica Caracoglia

All in favor: Yes

Opposed: None

Christina Hale called the meeting adjourned at 2:12