



Academic Council Meeting Agenda

April 28, 2026, 3-4 pm

Meeting location: FH 306

Attendance: Betsy Grimaldi and Noe Trevino, Christopher Markwood, Ali Shaqlaih, Gwen Johnson, Jason Garrett, Mario Casa de Calvo, Constance Lacy, Sara Baber, Patrick Valdez, Brenda Robertson, Taj Cobbs, Kim Chandler, Rebecca Taylor, Madalyn Coulston, and Dawn Sales (facilitating).

1. Call To Order

3:10 pm

2. Welcome and Introductions

SGA Representative Betsy Grimaldi introduced the new SGA representative for the Council, Noe Trevino, who is a teacher education major.

3. Old Business

For information only as there is nothing to act upon in the AC currently.

a. Share final decisions on department configuration for the colleges for the good of the order. (see handout- New Structural Framework_Official.xlsx and College-Org-Charts_Official.ppt – final edits)

Sales updated the group on the Colleges-Departments project. While we will begin outward facing referring to Colleges and incorporate Department Chairs for Spring 2027, we will not see significant changes in EIS until Fall 2027. Any changes to the handouts needs to be discussed with Sales offline.

b. LAS - New Program - Forensics and Investigative Science, BS

i. LAS - New Course - FRNS 3310 Legal Aspects of Forensic Investigation

ii. LAS - New Course - FRNS 3311 Report Writing in FIS

iii. LAS - New Course - FRNS 3321 Forensic Photography

- iv. LAS - New Course - FRNS 3330 Firearm and Toolmark Examination
- v. LAS - New Course - FRNS 3331 Bloodstain Pattern Analysis
- vi. LAS - New Course - FRNS 4360 Medicolegal Death Investigation
- vii. LAS - New Course - FRNS 4390 Research
- viii. LAS - New Course - FRNS 4391 Internship
- ix. LAS - New Course - FRNS 4399 Special Topics
- x. LAS - New Course - CJUS 4365 Complex Investigations & Major Case Management

FYI: Courses and Program were returned to the author to clarify the number of hours required for the major and course prerequisites. Has not returned to AC for review.

- c. LAS - Edit Course - SOCI 4850 - Course Number: Internship (see proposal in the Courseedog)

FYI: Course was returned to the author to clarify the number of times that a student can take the course and receive credit toward the major. Has not returned to AC for review.

4. New Business

- a. Review and vote on minutes from January 2026 meeting (see attached files)

Motion to accept the minutes: Lacy with second by Valdez. Minutes passed unanimously.

- b. Framework for Career Ready Programs - for review and discussion only.

Dr. Sevak presented the Framework for Career Ready programs to the group with attached PPT – Framework for Career Ready Program 2026 04 20. Over the remainder of the semester and summer, they are meeting with faculty in the colleges to gain feedback and continue to refine definitions and rubrics for classifying a course within the Framework. In Fall 2026, the Framework in final form will be presented and voted upon by the AC. Content will be added to the Curriculum Review guide as an SOP for program development and edits. We will encourage updates to existing programs by Spring 2027. We will be able to tag classes with class attributes as a HIP or Employer Engagement, etc.

5. Program-Course Sets

none to review

6. Course Proposals

none to review

7. Program Proposals

none to review

8. Announcements

No announcements – Adjourned at 4:04 pm.