



**College Planning Council
Minutes
05.10.23**

Members Present: Adam Sims, AnnMarie Hardin, Brad Holden, Cynthia Azari, Jeff Nelson, Joey GrosJacques, Kaley Cope, Pat Sisneros, Philip Schmitz, Sascha McKeon, Tammi Clark, Riley Faircloth, Wade Muller, Velda Arnaud, and Shannon Franklin.

Absent: Mark Browning, Kennedy Vogl, Lexi Robertson, Tammy Krawczyk, Celeste Tate, Roman Olivera,

Guests: Kristin Williams and Barb Baty

Approve Minutes from the 4/26/23 meeting

Tammi moved, seconded by Adam, to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed by voice vote.

Department Name Change – College Prep to “Career Ready”

Tammy Krawczyk requests the College change the name of the College Prep department to the Career Ready department with the following justification: Our Adult Basic Skills Education program, formerly College Prep, supports student’s career goals. We have some students needing their GED to get a job. Others may choose to continue in a career pathway with BMCC or enroll in short workforce training courses. We also have students wanting to improve their English skills, so they can pursue careers. For many adults, their career pathway begins with our Adult Basic Skills courses.

Philip noted he was at a CIA meeting this week, and a number of sessions were devoted to IET’s (Integrated Education and Training), which is a transition between what has traditionally been GED and less than 100 level collegiate courses. The state is moving toward this model and the name change fits better than College Prep.

AnnMarie asked how students who are not career ready will know where to go if we change to Career Ready; she would like the name to be “College and Career Ready” to include those seeking a GED.

AnnMarie moved, seconded by Velda, to table the discussion until the department name can be discussed with Tammy Krawczyk. Motion passed by voice vote.

Summer Academic Schedule

Theresa requests the summer schedule not begin until July 1; this year July 3rd would be the first day of classes. The request is for two reasons. First, there can be no financial aid disbursements until July 1; with summer classes starting in June, students must wait for one week for a financial aid disbursement. The second reason is for our Finance department; if funds are collected before July 1 for summer classes, the funds first go into the current fiscal year account, then must be moved after July 1 to the next fiscal year. It will be much easier for the business office if they do not have to move funds, but it really depends on what is best for the students.

Philip noted he emailed all the faculty who teach during the summer and there was no abject objection to the change. Much discussion was held about summer classes, and Philip requested summer term end before Labor Day to faculty do have a real break before fall term begins. If we do change it to July 1, the Faculty want that to continue in perpetuity. The College will need to communicate that summer term is accelerated to the Navigators and advisors and that only one or two classes in summer is advisable. BMCC will continue to offer 6-week courses as well.

AnnMarie moved, seconded by Riley, to adjust the summer academic schedule to start on or after July 1 and end before Labor Day in perpetuity beginning with Summer 2023. Motion passed by voice vote.