Date: **September 18, 2024,** Board of Trustees Meeting

From: Dr. Shelley Barkley, Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs

Item: **Curriculum Committee Report**

The Curriculum meeting convened at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday September 12, 2024. Present were Dr. Randy Greenwell; trustee, Mr. Don Hess; trustee, Dr. Bryan Renfro; president, and Dr. Shelley Barkley; vice president of academic & student affairs and Kristina Johnson; notetaker.

Administration reviewed curriculum changes for the Agricultural Education Center, following recommendations from the Advisory Council. This included adjusting the course sequence to better align with the learning outcomes of the Agricultural AAS degree. In the Agricultural Business Management program, AGR 200 (Intro to Soil Science) was moved from the first year to the second, while AGR 204 (Principles of Crop Science) was shifted to the first year to better align with the AGRM pathway.

The Advisory Council recommended adding an HVAC course to the Advanced Manufacturing Technician degree for FAME students, replacing CSC 163 Fundamentals of Networking with a refrigeration course. It was also determined that CMN 101 Introduction to Speech would be more beneficial than CMN 104 Interpersonal Communication for FAME students. Additionally, a new Industrial Fabrication degree was approved, offering a pathway for students who complete the Precision Manufacturing and Basic Welding Certificates to earn an AAS degree. Combining both fields of study enhances employability and provides a more clearly defined career pathway.

Meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.