



EXHIBIT "U"

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

Item 7.1

PRESENT TO BOARD: JUNE 29, 2026

TO: SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

FROM: FRED HAWKINS 

SUBJECT: CURRICULUM PROPOSALS

Approval is requested for the following curriculum proposals:

I. PROGRAM REVISION

Request approval to revise the Criminal Justice Technology AS degree to align with comparable programs by requiring a Natural Sciences Core of three credit hours without the lab component, which could help reduce student workload and may contribute to improved completion rates, as science courses with labs often present a greater time and academic burden. No change in the overall program length. Program revisions will take effect in Fall 2026 (202710).

➤ **Criminal Justice Technology AS #1520**

- Replace BSC 1010C General Biology I or Any Core Lab Science 4 credits with Natural Sciences Core 3 credits in the second spring term
- Change Criminal Justice Elective from 1-2 to 2-3 variable credits in the second fall term

Request approval to modify the AS nursing degrees to position NUR 2209C closer to the end of the program and reduce the credits in the program's final term as recommended by a curriculum consultant and supported by faculty to move content-heavy areas closer to the NCLEX-RN board exam testing timeframe. Reposition general education courses to the Application Requirement section to allow students to focus on nursing coursework, supporting smoother progression to graduation and preventing delays in program completion and licensure testing due to unmet non-nursing requirements. There are no changes to the program lengths. Program revisions will take effect Fall 2026 (202710).

➤ **Nursing AS Degrees #1550 & #1560**

- Move AMH 1010 Introductory Survey to 1877 or AMH 1020 Introductory Survey Since 1877 or POS 1041 American Government in the first term and Humanities Core in the second term to the Application Requirements section
- Move NUR 2209C Medical Surgical Nursing for Adults and Children II from the third term to the fourth term
- Move NUR 2404C Nursing Care of Parents and Infants and NUR 2502C Nursing Care for Community and Mental Health from the fourth term to the third term
- Move NUR 2801C Comprehensive Nursing Practicum from the fourth term to a new fifth term
- Revise prerequisites for NUR Courses to better align with the specific degrees and to establish a more structured sequence of courses
 - Add NUR 1710C (Generic Students Only) to NUR 2209C Medical-Surgical Nursing for Adults and Children II, NUR 2404C Nursing Care of Parents and Infants, and NUR 2502C Nursing Care for Community and Mental Health
 - Remove NUR 2209C Medical-Surgical Nursing for Adults and Children II from NUR 2404C Nursing Care of Parents and Infants and NUR 2502C Nursing Care for Community and Mental Health.

Request approval to revise the following career certificate to align with the program's curriculum frameworks established by the Florida Department of Education. In addition, remove the HCI Track designation, as it will no longer be offered through the Highlands Career Institute. These program changes will take effect in Fall 2026 (202710).

➤ **Medical Assisting (HCI Track) CC #3500**

- Change the program length from 1,300 to 900 contact hours
- Update the CIP number from 03510810102 to 0351080105
- Add MEA 0XXX Introduction to Medical Assisting and Pharmacology (New)
- Change MEA 0200C Medical Assisting Clinical Procedures I contact hours from 110 to 132 and remove MEA 0234 or Instructor's Approval as corequisite
- Change MEA 0253C Medical Lab Procedures I contact hours from 204 to 240
- Remove MEA 0800L Medical Assisting Practicum I's MEA 0242C prerequisite
- Remove OTA 0101 Occupational Introductory Keyboarding, OTA 0422L Office Practices Lab I, MEA 0233 Pathophysiology with Anatomy and Physiology, OTA 0903L Office Practices Lab II, MEA 0230 Occupational Medical Terminology I, MEA 0242C Introduction to Pharmacology, MEA 0201C Medical Assisting Clinical Procedures II, MEA 0239 Occupational Medical Terminology II, and MEA 0310C Occupational Medical Office Procedures with Simulation
- Move MEA 0310 Occupational Medical Office Procedures from the first fall term to the second fall term
- Move MEA 0334 Occupational Medical Insurance and Billing from the first spring to the second fall term
- Move MEA 0253C Medical Lab Procedures I from the second spring term to the first spring term

- Move MEA 0800L Medical Assisting Practicum I from the third spring term to the second spring term

II. COURSE ADDITION

Request approval to add a 2-credit-hour SLS course. SFSC best practice recommends that traditional students complete the First Year Experience Seminar (SLS 1106, 1 credit) during their first or second semester. However, Dual Enrollment students cannot enroll in the 1-credit course because of funding limitations, and the current structure of College Success (SLS 1501, 3 credits) allows students to enroll without first completing SLS 1106. As a result, students entering SLS 1501 without the foundational content provided in SLS 1106 have demonstrated lower success rates, while enrollment in SLS 1501 among Dual Enrollment students continues to increase across the tri-county area. To address this issue, the proposal recommends creating a new 2-credit College Success course (SLS 1XXX) and revising the existing 3-credit SLS 1501 course to incorporate the SLS 1106 curriculum. No new content will be developed; instead, existing objectives, materials, activities, and assessments will be reorganized to better support student success and establish a more appropriate prerequisite structure. The new 2-credit course will allow students who have already completed SLS 1106 to avoid repeating content while also providing flexible elective options in both face-to-face and distance-learning formats.

➤ **SLS 1XXXX College Success (2 cr. hrs.)**

SUGGESTED MOTION:

Move to approve the curriculum proposals as presented.