

Members in Attendance

Dr. Brad Bechard
Dr. Jessica Boyer
Dr. Dan Casmier
Mr. Kaia Ecklund
Ms. Daisy Gibson
Dr. Matthew Hill
Dr. Eleazar Ortega
Dr. Toni Sawhill
Ms. Dena Wagner-Fossen
Ms. Elyssa Wassmann
Ms. Melisa Wells
Ms. Hope Westerman

Faculty, Staff and Guests in Attendance

Ms. Julie Barnwell
Ms. Jamie Dennis
Ms. Kerry Dolan
Mr. Sam Downs
Dr. Tina Gambhir
Ms. Kris Hancke
Dr. Greg Johnson
Ms. Catherine Joshu
Ms. Quincie Jones
Mr. Dmitri Kharchevnikov
Dr. Elfie Neber
Ms. Toni Quinn
Mr. Steve Robinett
Ms. Kristi Voboril

Dr. Jessica Boyer called the meeting to order.

Minutes

December 12, 2025

Dr. Boyer asked for a motion to approve the minutes; so moved by and seconded. With no discussion or amendments, a vote was taken, the motion passed and the minutes were unanimously approved.

Discussion Items – no vote – Steve Robinett

NV2026-0123-01 CSCI 105 Computer Fluency - Change term to Currently Not Offered

Discussion Items – require a vote – Steve Robinett

A2026-0213-01 Remove CSCI 105 Computer Fluency as a pre-req for CSCI 100, ITS 210, ITS 224, ITS 279, ITS 280

A2026-0213-02 Change pre-req for CSCI 181 Web Design and Programming *from* CSCI 105 Computer Fluency *to* CSCI 100 Introduction to Programming

A2026-0213-03 Delete multiple NTS courses: 104, 105, 206, 210, 211, 212, 213

A2026-0213-04 Create new course CSCI 119 Fundamentals of AI – Steve Robinett and Dimitri Kharchevnikov

A2026-0213-05 Changes to Cybersecurity AAS –

Add CSCI 119 Fundamentals of AI to Cybersecurity AAS

Remove CSCI 105 Computer Fluency from Cybersecurity AAS

Remove NTS courses from electives

A2026-0213-06 Changes to Computer Programming AAS Steve Robinett and Dimitri Kharchevnikov

Add CSCI 119 Fundamentals of AI to Computer Programming AAS

Remove CSCI 105 Computer Fluency from Computer Programming AAS

A2026-0213-07 Delete CSCI 105 and add CSCI 119 to Associate of Science

Steve Robinett presented on all eight discussion items.

We are dropping CSCI 105 Computer Fluency and replacing it with a new course CSCI 119 Fundamentals of AI. Beyond that, it's a ripple effect of this change, including changes to pre-requisites and to the degree programs.

Other changes include:

- Change to pre-req in web development class
- Changes to electives in the AAS degrees
- Catalog cleanup: the CISCO networking course (Network Support & Security) was closed several years ago, so multiple NTS courses were removed as electives from Cybersecurity.

Elyssa asked with the removal of CSCI 105, how are you addressing that CSCI 105 is a pre-requisite for CAPP 156 in Computer Programming? Per Steve, this was caught and will be corrected in the next meeting. Per Kerry, it will be CAPP 131 or CSCI 100 depending on whether they are general or programming students.

Steve noted that students are coming in with enough technical sophistication that CSCI 105 has become less relevant, and they will pick up any missing information in CSCI 100 and ITS 280.

With the explosion of AI, AI's literacy, tools, role, ethical concerns, and how they will fit into the workplace are important right now. The course will be a gateway for other disciplines –they won't be developing large language models in the course, it's literacy for responsible use and will familiarize students with different flavors of what the AI models are. It can be advertised to a wider range than the technical degrees; Kerry is adding it as an elective to the business side.

Steve thanked Dimitri Kharchevnikov for his work on developing this course; AI is Dimitri's PhD area of study so he is a tremendous resource.

Dimitri expressed that it is his hope that with the introduction of this new course, we will be more in line with the actual needs of students. We need to keep up with the pace of life and what's really happening around us; he hopes that this course will be a huge milestone to get prepared and to better serve our community.

Dena shared that this is the first Artificial Intelligence class in the entire Montana University System.

The council will vote on these items at the February 13 meeting.

Action Items

Course Mod:

A2026-0123-01 CRWR 240 Introduction to Creative Writing Workshop: change of terms, course description, and course designation to Fine Arts – Sam Downs

Program Mods:

A2026-0123-02 Change core designation for CRWR 240 course in AA core – Sam Downs

A2026-0123-03 Change core designation for CRWR 240 course in Gen Studies core – Sam Downs

A2026-0123-04 Make changes to AS core:

- For CRWR 240, change designation to Fine Arts in AS core. – Sam Downs
- Add CAS 140 Addictions and Diversity to AS Cultural Diversity core – Elfie Neber
- Add PSYX 240 Fundamentals of Abnormal Psychology to AS Social Sciences core – Elfie Neber

Jessica requested a motion to approve the four action items. So moved by Daisy Gibson, second. A vote was taken and the action items were approved.

Other Agenda Items - None**Public Comment on Non-Agenda Items**

Kerry Dolan will fill the position vacated by Natalya McLees through spring semester. This action was put to the vote and was unanimously approved. An election will be held in the fall.

Dena noted that attendance is due the 30th. Remember there are five parts of a term: Full (16 weeks); Block A; Block B; Concurrent dual enrollment; Other (non-standard: PTA, for example).

Dr. Boyer asked for a motion to adjourn; so moved by Daisy Gibson. The meeting was adjourned.