

# ACADEMIC COUNCIL Minutes October 22, 2025

**Present:** Leslie Griffin, Peter Dean, Joe Childs, Vicki Bingham, Fawn Ussery, Merideth Van Namen, Kristen Land, Tammy Prather, Jeffrey Leffler, Heather Miller

**Absent:** None

**Guests:** None

**Call to order:** The Academic Council held a specially called special vote via email on October 22, 2025, starting at 8:06 a.m.

| Agenda item                 | Comments/Discussion                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Action taken | Responsible party      |
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| <b>Approval of Agenda:</b>  | Dr. Leffler presented an agenda to include approval of a curriculum action on a new Bachelor of Applied Science degree in Human Development with concentrations in Child Studies, Family Studies, Elementary Teaching, Secondary Teaching, Criminology, Psychology of Industry, Social Science, and Integrated Human Development via email. The motion to approve the agenda was made by Dr. Jeffrey Leffler which was seconded by Dr. Merideth Van Namen. All were in favor. |              | <b>Jeffrey Leffler</b> |
| <b>Approval of Minutes:</b> | N/A                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |              |                        |
| <b>Discussion Items</b>     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |              |                        |
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| <b>Provost's Updates</b>                                     | NONE |  |  |
| <b>Action Items:<br/>New Business<br/>Policies and Forms</b> |      |  |  |

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| <p><b>New Business</b></p>   | <p><b><u>Curriculum Action: New Bachelor of Applied Science in Human Development</u></b></p> <p>Discussion:</p> <p>Dr. Jeffrey Leffler presented a curriculum action along with proposed addition to the catalog to create a new BAS pathway to serve community college partners across the state. This is in response to feedback Dr. Griffin and Kevin Entrekin received on recent visits to Mississippi community colleges.</p> <p><b>Action Requested</b><br/>         Approve the curriculum to create the new BAS in Human Development with concentrations in Child Studies, Family Studies, Elementary Teaching, Secondary Teaching, Criminology, Psychology of Industry, Social Science, and Integrated Human Development.</p> <p><b>A motion was made by Dr. Jeffrey Leffler to approve the actions and was seconded by Dr. Merideth Van Namen. All in Favor</b></p> |  | <p><b>Jeffrey Leffler</b></p> |
| <p><b>Announcements:</b></p> | <p>NONE</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |  |                               |
| <p><b>Adjourned:</b></p>     | <p>5:00 p.m.</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |  |                               |
| <p><b>Next Meeting:</b></p>  | <p>November 6, 2025, at 8:30 am in the Janice Wyatt Conference Room</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |  |                               |
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