Date: **April 17, 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 Wednesday, April 10, 2024. Present were Mr. Larry Fischer; trustee, Dr. Bryan Renfro; president, and Dr. Shelley Barkley; vice president of academic & student affairs. Absent, Ms. Angela Greger; trustee. Kristina Johnson; note taker.

Administration has reviewed a course change within the Education department, entailing enhancements that incorporate social studies and further emphasize diversity, equity, and inclusion (DEI) aspects into the course. This adjustment also involves altering the course description and increasing the credit hours from two to three for EDU 175 Social Issues in Educating Children. This change stems from the recent removal of the social studies subject from EDU 255, now renamed Language & Literacy in EC.

The Communications department has introduced a new course, CMN 225, titled "Audio/Video Communications and Production," at three credit hours. This course serves as a fundamental exploration of audio/video production for both personal and professional purposes. It emphasizes comprehension and utilization of all phases of audio/video production, covering modern technology, equipment, platforms, and legal/ethical considerations.

Several philosophy courses underwent updates to align with the standards set by the Illinois Articulation Initiative (IAI), aiming to enhance transferability. In addition to these updates was a title change for PHL 111 from "Logic/Critical Thinking" to "Introduction to Critical Thinking," reflecting the course's subject matter. All modifications maintained the courses' three-credit-hour status.

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 a.m.