Date: **April 23, 2025,** Board of Trustees Meeting

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

Item: **Curriculum Committee Report**

The Curriculum meeting commenced at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday April 15, 2025. Attendees included Dr. Randy Greenwell Trustee; Mr. Don Hess, Trustee; Dr. Bryan Renfro, President; Dr. Shelley Barkley, Vice President of Academic & Student Affairs; Shellie Mittermeyer, Executive Administrative Assistant to the Vice President of Academic and Student Affairs; and Kristina Johnson, Notetaker.

* The Hospitality Management program was discussed as follows:
	+ Course reactivation – HSP 195, Special Topics in Hospitality Management (1-4 credit hours)
		- The previously discontinued course is being reinstated to support the restructuring of the culinary degree, allowing for greater flexibility, and increased hands-on kitchen time. Instructors will create a course template with standardized outcomes, enabling the course to run—typically no more than twice—if it proves in demand with students.
* The Engineering program was discussed as follows:
	+ New course – EGR 101, Introduction to Engineering (3 credit hours)
		- This new seminar course was created in response to Advisory Council input and student needs to support early engagement in engineering. Aimed at first-semester students, it provides foundational skills and hands-on lab experience while offering a broad overview of various engineering disciplines. Designed to boost enrollment and interest, the course enhances career exploration and expands opportunities within the program.
* The Welding program was discussed as follows:
	+ New Certificate – Illinois Aligned Basic Weld Cert (11 credit hours)
		- This 11-credit hour certificate is part of a statewide effort to create a modular, standardized curriculum in manufacturing that can be offered consistently across all Illinois community colleges. Designed to ensure uniform, industry-aligned training, the program increases flexibility by allowing students to take courses at any participating institution. Although the certificate is not currently financial-aid eligible, JWCC is working to embed it into an existing aid-eligible program. This initiative supports workforce development, expands access to manufacturing education, and serves as a foundational step toward a competency-based education model in the field.

Meeting adjourned at 10:30 a.m.