

CIS Programming BLC- Follow-up on Curriculum Changes and Dual Credit
Business and Leadership Council Meeting Minutes

CHAIRPERSON:		
MEETING DATE: May 15, 2026	MEETING TIME: 10:00 am	MEETING LOCATION: Online Teams Meeting
RECORDER: Traci Nowell	START TIME: 9:58 am	PREVIOUS MEETING: 11/21/2025

MEMBERS PRESENT: (P = Present) Add nonmembers to bottom of table with heading "Others Present."

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Minutes	
Key Discussion Points	Discussion
Old Business:	
Continuing Business:	
New Business:	
Curriculum Decisions:	
Other:	<p>Meeting Summary</p> <p>Introductions</p> <p>All attendees introduced themselves.</p> <p>COSC Degree Map Updates</p> <p>Delane McUne presented updates to the COSC degree maps for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Game Development • IT Generalist • Software Developer

BLC members were also introduced to the CIS website and reviewed the updated degree maps.

Key points discussed:

- The first semester is aligned across all COSC degree plans.
- The Fall I semester courses are designed to be available for dual credit high school students.
- A third-semester capstone project is included in the Game degree plan.
- Updates included the addition of Special Topics courses, including AI-900 and ITIL4-related content.

ITSE-2309 Programming Logic and Design- Course Length Discussion

The committee discussed whether ITSE-2309 Programming Logic and Design should remain an 8-week course or be expanded to a 16-week format.

Discussion highlights included:

- Course length may depend on students' job roles and work responsibilities.
- Zach Newbill asked whether the course impacts all three degree plans; Delane McUne confirmed that it does.
- Concerns were raised that a 16-week programming course could be difficult for students not primarily interested in programming.
- Brian Crabtree noted that employers often provide additional training beyond classroom instruction.
- Star Rayburn emphasized the importance of maintaining SQL as a core component.
- Delane McUne explained that the Advanced Database course was removed to make room for Special Topics coursework.
- Brian Crabtree commented that the curriculum changes align well with current industry trends involving AI and data centers.

- Teagan Jewett asked how extending the course to 16 weeks would impact the degree plans.
- Delane McUne and Karen Boatman noted that a 16-week course could create a particularly difficult first semester for students.

After discussion, Delane McUne confirmed the consensus from the BLC members to keep ITSE-2309 in the 8-week format. All members agreed.

Dual Credit Pathways

Delane McUne presented the dual credit course alignment with high school pathways.

Key points included:

- Courses are mapped to corresponding high school courses.
- Students can earn up to 19 credit hours applicable toward Badger Bound (15 credit hours) eligibility.
- Students would take one course per semester.
- Courses will be taught by Amarillo College faculty.

Linux/Unix Course Discussion

Brian Crabtree commented that Linux exposure on a résumé tends to receive more industry attention than Unix experience.

Joseph Melius explained that course naming is restricted by the WECM course directory; however, the Unix course is taught using Linux servers, making the current course title somewhat misleading.

The group agreed that students should be encouraged to list Linux exposure and applicable hands-on experience on their résumés.

Karen Boatman noted the department should explore WECM course options that specifically reference Linux in the course title or description.

	<p>Data Center Technician OSA Update</p> <p>Delane McUne shared that the new Data Center Technician OSA is currently being offered at the Innovation Outpost (IO) and that the program is already full.</p>
Adjourn:	10:30 am

Committee Chairperson:	MEETING DATE: May 15, 2026	NEXT MEETING: Fall 2026
Recorder's Signature: <i>Traci Nowell</i>	DATE: 5/19/2026	
DEPARTMENTAL CHAIRPERSON SIGNATURE: <i>Karen Boatman</i>	DATE: 05/27/2026	
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