



February 26, 2018

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Dear Dr. Williams:

Thank you for your letter of October 20, 2017, notifying the Commission of the intent to close the programs discussed below, effective spring 2018. All programs have been approved for closure by the Board of Trustees.

Associate of Science (A.S.) in Photographic Technology /Embedded Digital Photography Certificate

At the time of closure, 60 students were enrolled in the A.S. degree with seven additional students enrolled in the certificate. Students were informed by letter of program closure with a teach-out period through summer 2020, unless they complete before that date. Of the 13 courses in the program of study, eight will be retained in the Associate of Arts (A.A.) transfer plan. Students will work with an advisor and will be tracked to ensure they complete the required courses by the teach-out date or move to a different program of study. Faculty (one full-time and two adjuncts) will continue teaching the eight courses retained and are not impacted by the closure.

We approve the closure of the A.S. in Photographic Technology and embedded Certificate in Digital Photography, effective spring 2018.

Bachelor of Applied Science (B.A.S.) in International Business

At the time of closure, 70 students were enrolled in the program. Students were informed by letter of program closure with a teach-out period through summer 2020, unless they complete before that date. A subplan in International Business has been added to the existing Bachelor of Science (B.S.) in Business Administration, and all courses will continue to be taught in the subplan each semester. Students may choose to graduate by the teach-out date or switch to the International Business subplan in the B.S. in Business Administration with no interruption to their academic progress. No faculty will be impacted as all courses will continue to be offered.

We approve the closure of the B.A.S. in International Business, effective spring 2018.

A.S. in Industrial Management Technology

At the time of closure, 90 students were enrolled in the program. Students were informed by letter of program closure with a teach-out period through summer 2020, unless students complete before that date. An e-mail from Dr. Sabrina Crawford on February 15, 2018, clarified that all courses will continue to be offered in the A.S. in Business Administration. Students may choose to graduate by the teach-out date or switch to the A.S. in Business Administration with no interruption to their academic progress. No faculty will be impacted as all courses will continue to be offered.

We approve the closure of the A.S. in Industrial Management Technology, effective spring 2018.



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A.S. in Sign Language Interpretation

Changes to certification requirements for interpreters by the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf require a minimum of a bachelor's degree (any major) to sit for the National Interpreter Certification Interview and Performance Exam. At the time of closure, 321 students were enrolled in the A.S. program, and the decision to close the program was addressed at a Board of Trustees meeting for public comment and discussion of alternative options. Students were informed by letter of program closure with a teach-out period through summer 2020, unless they complete the program before that date.

Six support courses in American Sign Language are offered each semester and are used to meet general education foreign language requirements. Eleven core courses in Sign Language Interpretation, offered on rotation, will be offered more often through the three-year teach out period. Students may complete the A.S. degree or transfer to the A.A. transfer plan in American Sign Language allowing them to move into a Sign Language interpretation subplan within the existing Educational Studies and Community Leadership baccalaureate degree. The new pathway will prepare students to sit for the National Interpreter Certification exam and is in the process of being developed. All faculty will be retained and continue to teach through the A.A. transfer plan and the Educational Studies subplan.

We approve the closure of the A.S. in Sign Language Interpretation, effective spring 2018.

A.S. in Drafting and Design Technology/Embedded Certificate in Drafting

At the time of closure, 77 students were enrolled in the A.S. degree with 21 additional students enrolled in the certificate. Students were informed by letter of program closure with a teach-out period through summer 2020, unless they complete the program before that date. All of the courses are also offered in the A.S. in Architectural Design and Technology and the A.S. in Engineering Technology programs and will continue to be offered. Students will work with an advisor to complete the programs or to transfer into either of the other two degree programs noted. Faculty (one full-time and two adjuncts) will be retained as the courses are used within other programs.

We approve the closure of the A.S. in Drafting and Design Technology and the Certificate in Drafting, effective spring 2018.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read "Kevin W. Sightler", is written over a horizontal line.

Kevin W. Sightler, Ph.D.
Director of Substantive Change

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cc: Dr. Sabrina Crawford, Executive Director of Institutional Research and Effectiveness
Dr. Denise Y. Young