

## Academic Affairs Committee Agenda

<b>Date:</b>	Oct. 6, 2025
<b>Time:</b>	3:30p-4:30
<b>Location:</b>	MET 208

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1. **Welcome:** New committee members introduction

2. **Unfinished Business:**

A. Approve minutes from 6/9/2025 and 9/22/2025

B. 2024-25 Recap:

- Intuitional syllabus is now going to be a living document on the website. Will have a date stamp of the most recent revision.
- Focus Awards Task Force came up with a plan for establishing and revising Focus Awards.
- Academic Freedom Statement Task Force presented new language for the Academic Freedom Policy. This was approved and it has moved on to College Affairs
- Students with Disability name change to Student Accessibility Services
- Gen AI Task Force- Approved the AI Guidelines that were presented
- Tyler informed us of the Educational Pathways Modern web design
- Approved Arts & Design: Photography/Videography Certificate
- Approved Art & Design: User Experience and Interface Design Certificate- both G&H to help students get into the workforce quicker  
User Experience and Interface Design (UX/UI) CC1 – 2 points about this.
  - **Clarification:** This is one certificate; item H on the agenda for Oct. 6<sup>th</sup> is for designing software- i.e., designing the software so that user experiences are good and the interfaces are good, if that makes sense
  - **Update:** This certificate was not approved in time for COCC to obtain financial aid eligibility for it from the Dept. of Ed. It definitely won't be eligible for financial aid in academic year 2026-27. It does seem to be eligible for VA benefits now though. With the government shutdown, while Financial Aid did submit it on 10/1/25 to the Dept. of Ed's queue for processing, the timeline is murky as recently the Dept. of Ed has been taking longer to process these requests. MPR is being notified that we are ready to add this certificate information to the academic programs page at <https://cocc.edu/programs/art-design/degrees-certificates>

- C. Approved Behavioral Health and Early Learning Certificate
- D. Approved Addiction counseling Certificate
- E. Approved COCC's 1<sup>st</sup> Bachelor Degree: Bachelor of Science in Nursing.

**3. New Business:**

A. Information Items:

- Review:
  - Open committee positions
  - Is anyone hearing anything that may be of interest to our committee?

B. Action Items: None yet

C. Other Items:

- Gabrielle Orsi: The effort to overhaul and improve how course fees work at COCC.
- Vote in new Chair

D. Future Items: None yet

*Our next meeting is Oct. 20<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 3:30 – 4:30, MET 208.*