

**New Jersey Presidents' Council  
Academic Issues Committee**

January 6, 2026  
10:00 am – 12:00 pm

**Meeting Notes**

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

Patricia Greer – Berkeley College  
David Stout – Brookdale Community College  
George Abaunza – Caldwell University  
Rafael Castilla - Eastwick College  
Deborah Preston - Mercer County Community College  
Nurdan S. Duzgoren-Aydin – Middlesex College  
Richard Veit – Monmouth University  
Joanne Cote-Bonanno – Montclair State University  
Laurent Simon – New Jersey Institute of Technology  
Michael Middleton – Ramapo College of New Jersey  
Michael McDonough – Raritan Valley Community College  
Annette LaCanna – Raritan Valley Community College  
Grace Farber – Rowan University  
Jennifer Tole – Rowan University  
Kim O’Halloran – Rutgers, The State University  
Patricia Heindel – Saint Elizabeth University  
Anthony Santamaria - Saint Elizabeth University  
Mike Palladino – Stockton University  
Tracey Meilander – Stockton University  
Margo DelliCarpini – The College of New Jersey  
Jennifer Palmgren - The College of New Jersey  
Eric Taylor – OSHE  
Lori Harris-Ransom – OSHE  
Adrian Wright – OSHE  
Allison Samay - NJPC

II. Approval of Meeting Notes of the November 21, 2025 Meeting

Rafael Castilla moved for the approval of the November 21, 2025\_meeting notes. Nurdan S. Duzgoren-Aydin seconded the motion. Meeting notes were approved.

III. Report from the Chair

IV. New Programs

**1. Fairleigh Dickinson University**

- A. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Social Sciences (CIP 45.0101)

**First Reader:** Michael Middleton, Ramapo College of New Jersey

**Second Reader:** Patricia Heindel, Saint Elizabeth University

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be approved** was passed.

**2. Rowan College at Burlington County**

- A. Associate of Science (A.S.) Biology (CIP 26.0101)

**First Reader:** David Stout, Brookdale Community College

**Second Reader:** Michael Palladino, Stockton University

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be approved** was passed.

- B. Associate of Science (A.S.) Business Administration (CIP 52.0201)

**First Reader:** Tracey Meilander, Stockton University

**Second Reader:** Michael McDonough, Raritan Valley Community College

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be approved** was passed.

**3. Rowan University**

- A. Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Cybersecurity (CIP 11.1003)

**First Reader:** Margo DelliCarpini, The College of New Jersey

**Second Reader:** Nurdin Duzgoren-Aydin, Middlesex College

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be approved** was passed.

- B. Master of Science (M.S.) Healthcare Management (CIP 51.0701)

**First Reader:** Kim O'Halloran, Rutgers, The State University of NJ

**Second Reader:** Joanne Cote-Bonanno, Montclair State University

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be approved** was passed.

C. Master of Science (M.S.) One Health (CIP 51.2201)

**First Reader:** George Abaunza, Caldwell University

**Second Reader:** Patricia Heindel, Saint Elizabeth University

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be approved** was passed.

D. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Computer Science (CIP 11.0101)

**First Reader:** David Birdsell, Kean University

**Second Reader:** Laurent Simon, New Jersey Institute of Technology

This program will be reviewed at the February 24, 2026 meeting.

**4. Yeshivas Emek Hatorah**

A. Associate of Talmudic Studies (ATS) (CIP 38.0207)

**First Reader:** Joanne Cote-Bonanno, Montclair State University

**Second Reader:** Deborah Preston, Mercer County Community College

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be conditionally approved** was passed.

V. For Your Information

**1. Fairleigh Dickinson University**

A. New Graduate Certificate

Title: Regulatory Affairs

CIP Code: 51.0720

Credits Required: 9 Credits

Title: Clinical Trial Admin

CIP Code: 51.0719

Credits Required: 9 Credits

**2. Kean University**

A. Offer two existing degree programs at the approved branch campus, Wenzhou-Kean University

Master of Arts (M.A.) Communication Studies (CIP 09.0902)

Master of Arts (M.A.) Special Education (CIP 13.1001)

### 3. Ocean County College

#### A. Nomenclature Changes

Institutional Program Title (Current): Associate in Arts Degree, Global Studies

Institutional Program Title (New): Associate in Arts Degree, Humanities and Cultures

CIP Code: 30.2001

Institutional Program Title (Current): Associate in Science Degree, Public Service

Institutional Program Title (New): Associate in Science Degree, Behavioral Science and Public Service

CIP Code: 44.0000

### 4. Rowan University

#### A. New Undergraduate Certificates

Certificate of Undergraduate Study in Leadership in Early Care and Education	13.0414 Early Childhood Program Administration
Certificate of Graduate Study in Early Literacy Specialist Endorsement	13.1315 Reading Teacher Education

#### B. New Minor Degree

Minor in Health and Science Communication	09.0905 Health Communication
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#### C. New Degree Concentrations

Concentration in Photography in the Bachelor of Arts in Radio, Television & Film	09.0799 Radio, Television, and Digital Communication, Other
Concentration in Esports Communication in the Bachelor of Arts in Esports	09.0906 Sports Communication

#### D. New Accelerated Dual Degree

Accelerated Dual Degree: Bachelor of Science in Biomedical Engineering/ Master of Translational Orthopedic Device Engineering	14. 0501 Bioengineering and Biomedical Engineering
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#### E. Nomenclature Changes

Nomenclature Change <i>from</i> Bachelor of Arts in Inclusive Education: Elementary Education <i>to</i> Bachelor of Arts in Inclusive Elementary and Special Education	13.1001 Special Education and Teaching
Nomenclature Change <i>from</i> Bachelor of Fine Arts in Biomedical Art and Visualization <i>to</i> Bachelor of Fine Arts in Biomedical Visualization	51.2703 Medical Illustration/Medical Illustrator

## 5. Sussex County Community College

### A. New Program Option

Degree or Certificate Type	Name of Degree or Certificate	CIP Code
60-credit AAS option	AAS Business Management: Sports Management Option	52.0201

### B. New Certificate of Achievement

Degree or Certificate Type	Name of Degree or Certificate	CIP Code
15-credit Certificate of Achievement	Entrepreneurship	52.0701

### C. CIP Code Changes

Degree or Certificate Type	Name of Degree or Certificate	Existing CIP Code	Proposed new CIP code
60-credit option	A.A.S Technical Studies: Optics Manufacturing Option	15.9999	14.1003
60-credit option	A.A.S Technical Studies: Baking & Pastry Option	15.9999	12.0501

## 6. Saint Elizabeth University

### A. Nomenclature Changes

BS Foods and Nutrition TO BS Exercise, Food, Nutrition, and Health (CIP 51.3101)

MA Digital Media Design and Marketing TO MA Digital Performing Arts and Media Design (CIP 11.1099)

## 7. Stockton University

### A. New Program Options

Bachelor of Science in Health Science – Doctor of Chiropractic 4+3 Dual Degree  
(CIP 51.0000)

Bachelor of Science in Health Science – Doctor of Chiropractic 3+3 Dual Degree  
(CIP 51.0000)

Bachelor of Science in Health Science – Applied Clinical Nutrition 4+2 Dual Degree  
(CIP 51.0000)

Bachelor of Science in Health Science – Applied Clinical Nutrition 3+2 Dual Degree  
(CIP 51.0000)

Bachelor of Science in Health Science – Pre-Nutrition Concentration (CIP 51.0000)

Bachelor of Science in Health Science – Athletic Training 4+2 Dual Degree (CIP 51.0000)

Bachelor of Science in Health Science – Athletic Training 3+2 Dual Degree (CIP 51.0000)

Bachelor of Science in Health Science – Medical Laboratory Technology 3+1 Dual Degree  
(CIP 51.0000)

Bachelor of Science in Exercise Science – K-12 Health and Physical Education Concentration  
(CIP 13.1314)

Master of Arts in Criminal Justice and Master of Social Work Joint Degree  
(CIP 43.0104 or 44.0701 as primary, other as secondary)

Master of Arts in Criminal Justice – Victimology and Victim Services Track (CIP 43.0104)

## 8. Thomas Edison State University

### A. Initiation of Program Options (from May 12, 2023)

Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Family Nurse Practitioner/Primary  
Care (CIP 51.3805)

Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Adult/Gerontology Primary Care  
(CIP 51.3821)

Master of Science in Nursing with a Concentration in Adult/Gerontology Acute Care  
(CIP 51.3821)

## VI. Old Business

### 1. Atlantic Cape Community College

#### A. Associate in Science (A.S.) Small Animal Science (CIP 01.1302)

**First Reader:** Deborah Preston, Mercer County Community College

**Second Reader:** Michael McDonough, Raritan Valley Community College

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be approved** was passed.

## 2. County College of Morris

A. Associate of Science (A.S.) Cybersecurity (CIP 11.1003)

**First Reader:** Rafael Castilla, Eastwick College

**Second Reader:** Michael McDonough, Raritan Valley Community College

The motion to recommend that the proposal **not be approved** was passed.

## 3. Ocean County College

A. Associate in Applied Science (A.A.S.) Dental Hygiene (CIP 51.0602)

**First Reader:** Rafael Castilla, Eastwick College

**Second Reader:** Michael McDonough, Raritan Valley Community College

The motion to recommend that the proposal **be approved** was passed.

## VII. New Business

## VIII. Licensure Matters

### 1. **Petition from Touro University for initial licensure**

[https://www.nj.gov/highereducation/higheddocs/Touro\\_Licensure\\_2024.pdf](https://www.nj.gov/highereducation/higheddocs/Touro_Licensure_2024.pdf)

Password: BLACK!2024 (case sensitive)

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PDF combined document includes and is bookmarked:

- Petition
- NJ Institution Comments Received
- Response to NJ Comments Received
- Consultant's CV
- Consultant's Report
- Response to Consultant's Report
- Supplemental Information Requested at Site Visit

#### **Readers:**

Mission Statement (p. 46-48):	Kim O'Halloran, Rutgers, The State University
Organization and Administration (p. 49-55):	Michael McDonough, Raritan Valley Community College
Finances (p. 55-64):	George Abaunza, Caldwell University
Faculty (p. 65-80):	David Birdsell, Kean University
Library (p 81-87):	Rafael Castilla, Eastwick College

Students and Student Success  
(p. 88-112):

Tracey Meilander, Stockton University

Physical Facilities (p. 113-  
115):

Patricia Heindel, Saint Elizabeth University

A. Master of Science (M.S.) Physician Assistant Studies (CIP 51.0912)

**First Reader:** Patricia Greer, Berkeley College

**Second Reader:** Tracey Meilander, Stockton University

B. Master of Science (M.S.) Physician Assistant Studies/Master of Public Health  
(CIPs 51.0912 - Physician Assistant and 51.2201- Public Health General)

**First Reader:** David Birdsell, Kean University

**Second Reader:** Rafael Castilla, Eastwick College

The motion to recommend that the licensure petition **not be approved** was passed. Rafael Castilla from Eastwick College and Patricia Heindel from Saint Elizabeth University respectfully abstained.

IX. Adjournment