

New Jersey Presidents' Council

Academic Issues Committee

February 27, 2026

10:00 am – 12:00 pm

Meeting Notes

I. Call to Order / Roll Call

David Stout – Brookdale Community College
George Abaunza – Caldwell University
Rafael Castilla - Eastwick College
Jonathan Mercanti – Kean University
Nurdan S. Duzgoren-Aydin – Middlesex College
Richard Veit – Monmouth University
Joanne Cote-Bonanno – Montclair State University
Kyle Dobbeck – Montclair State University
Fatma Mili – Montclair State University
David Birdsell – New Jersey City 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
Patricia Heindel – 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
Donna Rogalski - OSHE
Eric Taylor – OSHE
Lori Harris-Ransom – OSHE
Adrian Wright – OSHE
Jordyn Roy - OSHE
Allison Samay - NJPC

II. Approval of Meeting Notes of the January 6, 2026 Meeting

Rafael Castilla moved for the approval of the January 6, 2026_meeting notes. Nurdan S. Duzgoren-Aydin seconded the motion. Meeting notes were approved.

III. Report from the Chair

IV. New Programs

1. Rowan University

- A. 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

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

- B. Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Cancer Cell Biology & Genomics (CIP 26.0911)

First Reader: Michael Middleton, Ramapo College of New Jersey

Second Reader: George Abaunza, Caldwell University

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

- C. Bachelor of Science (B.S.) Public Health & Medical Sciences (CIP 51.2208)

First Reader: David Stout, Brookdale Community College

Second Reader: Joanne Cote-Bonanno, Montclair State University

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

2. Fairleigh Dickinson University

- A. Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) Digital and Multimedia Storytelling (CIP 09.0100)

First Reader: Richard Veit, Monmouth University

Second Reader: Rafael Castilla, Eastwick College

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

3. Felician University

- A. Master of Public Health (M.P.H.) (CIP 51.2201)

First Reader: Michael Palladino, Stockton University

Second Reader: Laurent Simon, New Jersey Institute of Technology

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

4. Kean University

- A. Master of Science (M.S.) Environmental Management (CIP 03.0101)

First Reader: Tracey Meilander, Stockton University

Second Reader: Patricia Heindel, Saint Elizabeth University

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

V. For Your Information

1. AIMS Education

- A. Program Termination

Title: Phlebotomy Technician

CIP Code: 51.1009

2. Fairleigh Dickinson University

- A. New Program Options: ***The information below replaces information that was originally submitted to the AIC in November of 2025***

Title: Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS): Art specialization

CIP Code: 24.0101

Credits Required: 120

Title: Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS): History and Politics specialization

CIP Code: 24.0101

Credits Required: 120

Title: Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS): Environmental Studies specialization

CIP Code: 24.0101

Credits Required: 120

Title: Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS): Hispanic Studies specialization

CIP Code: 24.0101

Credits Required: 120

Title: Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS): Legal Studies specialization

CIP Code: 24.0101

Credits Required: 120

Title: Bachelor of Arts in Individualized Studies (BAIS): Health and Society specialization

CIP Code: 24.0101

Credits Required: 120

Title: Bachelor of Arts in Criminology and Criminal Justice

CIP Code: 45.0401

Credits Required: 120

3. Felician University

A. Initiation of Undergraduate Certificate Offerings

Certificate in Social and Cultural Studies	CIP 05.021
Certificate in Law and Society	CIP 22.0001
Certificate in Health and Wellness	CIP 51.000
Certificate in English	CIP 23.0101
Certificate in Writing	CIP 23.1301
Certificate in Psychology of Human Dignity and Diversity	CIP42.9999
Certificate in Psychological Research and Data	CIP42.2799
Certificate in Holistic Psychology and Wellness	CIP42.9999
Certificate in Fundamentals in Psychology	CIP42.0101
Certificate in Bioinformatics	CIP26.1199

B. Initiation of Graduate Certificate Offerings

Certificate in Religious Studies	CIP 38.0201
Certificate in Religious Education	CIP 39.0401
Certificate in Pastoral Health Care	CIP 39.0701
Certificate in Religious Studies Leadership	CIP 39.0801

C. Nomenclature Change

Current Title: Master of Arts in Religious Education (MARE) program New Title: Master of Arts in Religious Studies (MARELS).	Current CIP: 39.0401 New CIP: 38.0201
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4. Montclair University

A. New Certificate Offerings

Inventory Listing: Montclair State University

Program-level: Pre-Bachelor's

Degree/Award: Certificate

Institutional Program Title: Software Engineering

CIP Code and Group Title: 14.0903 (Computer Software Engineering)

Program-level: Mast. Certificate.
Degree/Award: Grad. Certificate.
Institutional Program Title: AI Systems
CIP Code and Group Title: 11.0102 (Artificial Intelligence and Robotics)

B. Nomenclature Change

Inventory Listing: Montclair State University

Program-level: Bachelor's
Degree/Award: B.A.
Institutional Program Title (OLD): Urban Humanities
Institutional Program Title (NEW): Sustainable Urban Communities
CIP Code and Group Title: 45.1201 (Urban Studies/Affairs)

Inventory Listing: Bloomfield College of Montclair State University

Program-level: Bachelor's
Degree/Award: B.S.
Institutional Program Title (Current): Biology
Institutional Program Title (New): Applied Biological Sciences
CIP Code and Group Title: 26.0101 (Biology/Biological Sciences, General)

5. Raritan Valley Community College

A. Nomenclature Change

Current Title/CIP: Graphic and Interactive Design, AFA (CIP 50.0706)
New Title: Graphic Design, AFA (50.0706)

B. Program Deletion

Deletion of the Early Childhood STEM, Certificate of Completion (CIP 13.1312)

6. Thomas Edison State University

A. New Undergraduate Certificates

Electrical Engineering Technology Fundamentals
CIP Code: 15.0399
Electrical/Electronic Engineering Technologies/Technicians, Other

Digital Electronics Foundation
CIP Code: 15.0303
Electrical, Electronic, and Communications Engineering Technology/Technician

Health Physics Essentials
CIP Code: 51.2205
Health/Medical Physics

Health Physics Specialist
CIP Code: 51.2205
Health/Medical Physics

VI. Old Business

1. Bergen Community College

- A. Associate of Arts (A.A.) Early Childhood Education (CIP 13.1210)

First Reader: Richard Veit, Monmouth University

Second Reader: Deborah Preston, Mercer County Community College

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

2. Eastern International College

- A. Master of Science (M.S.) Nursing: Case Management Specialty (CIP 51.3802)

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

Second Reader: Tracey Meilander, Stockton University

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

3. William Paterson University

- A. Master of Education (M.Ed.) Educational Technology and Instructional Design (CIP 13.0501)

First Reader: David Birdsell, Kean University

Second Reader: Patricia Heindel, Saint Elizabeth University

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

VII. New Business

VIII. Licensure Matters

IX. Adjournment