CCC Board of Education – Topic Summary	
Topic:	Associate of Science (AS), Area of Emphasis in English at PSU
Date:	September 17, 2025
Presenter:	Anne Innis, Dean of Institutional Effectiveness and Planning
Division/Department:	Institutional Effectiveness and Planning
RECOMMENDATION:	Approve the Associate of Science suspension

REASON FOR BOARD CONSIDERATION:

Board review is required for offerings that are submitted to the Northwest Commission on Colleges and Universities (NWCCU) for approval.

BACKGROUND:

This is the last AS Area of Emphasis in English degree that CCC offers. The AS Area of Emphasis in English degrees with the other public Universities were previously suspended with the creation of the Associate of Arts Transfer (AAT) English Literature degree. PSU wanted to keep the AS for students who were interested in areas other than English Literature.

The AAT English Literature degree was amended this year by the Transfer Council to now be an AAT English degree. The recent revisions to the English AAT degree allow for greater flexibility and can now meet the needs of our English majors who want to focus on creative writing and publishing and plan to transfer to PSU (or other institutions). We have consulted with the English department at PSU and they agree. As a result, the AS Area of Emphasis in English at PSU is being suspended.

BUDGET IMPACT/SOURCE OF FUNDS:

Current student services can support the AS, English, PSU students. All resources and support services will remain for all students within the program.

ATTACHMENTS:

Program Supporting Document AS, English PSU – Program Suspension, Curriculum Committee Draft Minutes 2025-05-16

FUTURE REPORT:

No future report is planned. However, the Board will be notified of any major changes to this program, such as a program reactivation.