



Proposed Agenda Item
Board of Trustees Meeting

Date of Board Meeting: July 20, 2021

Date of This Proposal: June 8, 2021

SUBJECT: Deactivate Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) Degree

RECOMMENDATION: Approve AAT Degree Deactivation, effective fall 2021

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE: Effective fall 2021, the Associate of Arts in Teaching (AAT) will be deactivated due to low enrollment. Only three (3) students graduated with an AAT in the past five years, with no (0) graduates from the program during the three (3) most recent academic years. Students interested in a teaching degree typically enroll in the Associate of Arts (AA) General Studies/Education major and transfer to a university. By choosing the AA General Studies/Education major, students are able to select specific coursework required by each transfer university, which is more beneficial to students.

In the future, if the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) updates the AAT degree plan, WCJC may apply to reactive the program. Meanwhile, a teach-out plan has been developed for current students enrolled in the AAT program, or they have the option to transition to the AA degree. New students will enroll in the AA degree. Faculty will continue to teach courses in the AA degree, the Early Childhood/Child Development Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree, and the Early Childhood certificate program.

Estimated Cost and Budgetary Support (how will this be paid for?): NA

RESOURCE PERSON(S) [name(s) and title(s)]: David Kucera, Division Chair of Technology & Business

SIGNATURES:

06-08-2021

Originator

Date

6-9-21

Cabinet-Level Supervisor

Date

PRESIDENT'S APPROVAL:

6-10-21