

**MINUTES**  
**CURRICULUM COMMITTEE MEETING**

3:30 pm – 5:00 pm

Zoom

February 20, 2024

**Voting Members Present:**

Liz Peters, Andrea Riffel, Lindsay Masten, Charles Lohman, Stacey Hilton, Kathie Peterson, Jacqueline Mench, Sheila Jarrell, Emily Peek, Cassi Gibson, Tiffany Kragnes, Jennifer Ritter, Alexander Barber, Sarah Southwick, and Tania Sheldahl

**Non-Voting Members Present:**

Leslie Sparkman, Diana Dowling, and Ustadza White

**Sponsor**

Douglas Berry

**Guest**

Kelsey Rumsey, Dean Holbrook, Joan Fisher, Perry Baker, Meghan Paquette, Gino Romeo, Lauri Dreher, Karen Palmer, and Bambi Pish-Derr

- I. Approval of Minutes from February 6, 2024
  - a. Motioned and seconded to approve the minutes with attendance corrections; vote taken; motion approved.
- II. Discussion – BA/BS/BAS Definitions
  - a. Liz shared the definition.
    - i. Bachelor of Arts (BA): Focuses on the study of human society and behaviors, examining qualitative aspects of a particular field of study. Requires interdisciplinary approach with curricula that concentrates on diverse perspectives, critical thinking, and communication skills.
    - ii. Bachelor of Science (BS): Focuses on the quantitative side of subjects that deal with both scientific or mathematics and humanities-focused content. Emphasis on theoretical knowledge, analytical thinking, and research skills within the chosen field of study.

- iii. Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS): Focuses on applied skills and knowledge relevant to a specific field or industry. Includes hands-on training, internships, and real-world projects, preparing students for immediate entry into the workforce upon graduation.
  - b. The committee discussed their concerns on the potential negative impact on enrollment from launching two similar programs. Additionally, concerns about the lack of a seamless transition from the AAS to the BAS were raised.
  - c. It was agreed that a select team from the committee would facilitate the integration of AAS into BAS next Tuesday, with plans to report back on progress by March 5th.
- III. Curriculum Proposals
  - a. Tabled until next meeting.
- IV. Adjournment