

5. CONSENT AGENDA 4. HUMAN RESOURCES

5.4.5. APPROVAL OF COLLEGE OF LAKE COUNTY 2026-2027 DEPARTMENT CHAIR HOURS

As a provision of the 2025-2029 full-time faculty collective bargaining agreement approved in December 2025, Article 22 outlines the assignment process for department chairs and specifies the formula which determines release time granted to complete the required duties. Based on the current collective bargaining agreement, the Administration has reviewed these assignments and hours for the 2026-2027 academic year and applied the formula for determining release hours.

The following 2026-2027 department chair assignments are proposed for approval:

Academic Success Division		
Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Academic Success (CLC)	Crystal Radcliffe, Teresa Filicette	11.00
Total Student Development		11.00
Adult Education and ESL Division		
Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Adult Basic Education (ABE)/Adult Secondary Education (ASE)/Spanish Adult Education (SAE)/Bridge Adult (BRGA)/Integrated Education Training (IET)	TBD	11.00
English as a Second Language (ESL)/Adult Language Education (ALE)/Vocational Skills Training (VST)/Bridge Vocation (BRGV)	Joseph Hester	15.00
Total Adult Education and ESL Division		26.00
Biological and Health Sciences Division		
Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Biology (BIO)	Mark Coykendall	15.00
Biotechnology (BTC)	Adina Ott	12.00
Chemistry (CHM)	Beth Wilson	7.00
Dental Hygiene (DHY)	Mary Jacobs	14.00

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Biological and Health Sciences Division (Continued)		
Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Emergency Medical Technology (EMT)	Carol Wismer	14.00
Health Information Technology (HIT)	Chris Melnytschuk	16.00
Horticulture (HRT)	John Zahina-Ramos	11.00
Health & Wellness Promotion (HWP)/Massage Therapy (MAS)/Kinesiology (KIN)	Joana Pabedinskas	17.00
Medical Imaging (MIM)	Lynn Wiechert	13.00
Medical Assistant (MOA)	Lisa Fasano	16.00
Nursing (NUR 110 only)	Ruth Belec-Olander	14.00
Phlebotomy Technician (PBT)	Deidra Pittman	14.00
Surgical Technology (SRG)	Elliot Egger	12.00
Total Biological and Health Sciences Division		175.00
Business and Social Sciences Division		
Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Accounting (ACC)	Jeff Varblow, Maggie Wu	11.00
Administrative Management & Technology (AMT)/ Business Administration (BUS)/ Supply Chain Management (SCM)	Venkat Krishnamurthy	17.00
Anthropology (ANT)	Nina Pitrello	7.00
Computer Information Technology (CIT)	Sanjay Kumar	11.00
Criminal Justice (CRJ)/History (HST)/ Political Science (PSC)	Chris Utecht	21.00
Early Childhood Education (ECE)	Diane Schael	13.00
Economics (ECO)	Stefan Mullinax, Vasumathi Raman	7.00
Elementary Education (EDU)	Michelle Proctor	8.00
Fire Science Technology (FST)	Jeff Howell	12.00

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Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Hospitality and Culinary Management (HCM)	Teresa Novinska, David Hooper	15.00
Human Services (HUS)/Social Work (SWK)	Terence Hodges	12.00
Legal Studies (LGL)	Lorri Scott	11.00
Psychology (PSY)	Ken Kikuchi	13.00
Sociology (SOC)/Gender & Sexuality Studies (GXS)	Sonia Oliva	9.00
Total Business and Social Sciences Division		167.00
Communication Arts, Humanities and Fine Arts Division		
Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Art (ART)	Hans Habeger	7.00
Communication Studies (CMM)	Ali Cunningham, Kari Proft	15.00
Digital Media and Design (DMD)	Jason Rodgers, Yang Xiang	15.00
English Language Instruction (ELI)	Christina O’Connell	7.00
English (ENG)	Kelly Black, Esley Stahl	15.00
English Accelerated Learning Program (ENG ALP)	Tessa Aquino, Katie Dublis	7.00
Humanities (HUM)/Asian American Studies (ASI)	Jackie Trimier	8.00
World Languages (LANGS)/Sign Language (SGN)/Latin American Studies (LAT)	Theresa Ruiz-Velasco	7.00
Music (MUS)	TBD	7.00
Philosophy (PHI)	Becky Munk, Shanti Chu	8.00
Technical Communication (TECH COM)	Laura Otto	10.00
Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)	Jill Bruellman	10.00
Performing Arts: Theatre (THE)/Dance (DNC)/Live Entertainment Production (ENT)/Yoga (YOGA)	Craig Rich, Tracie Folger, Therese Crews	10.00
Total Communication Arts, Humanities and Fine Arts Division		126.00

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Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences Division		
Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Automotive Collision Repair (ACR)	Octavio Cavazos, David Garcia Jr.	15.00
Automation, Robotics and Mechatronics (ARM)	Margie Porter, Vasil Ahchiyski	11.00
Automotive Technology (AUT)	Derrek Keesling, Felipe Valtierra	16.00
CAD- Drafting Technology (CAD)	Francisco Andrade	10.00
Computer Science (CSC)	Shyam Kurup	8.00
Engineering (EGR)	Jan Edwards	10.00
Electrical Engineering Technology (EET)	Yoonill Lee	10.00
Earth Science (ESC)/Geography (GEG)	Ryan Cumpston, Eric Priest	10.00
Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning, Refrigeration Engineering Technology (HET)	Mohammad Abdallah, Doug Burgos	15.00
Industrial Technology (INT)	Dave Wooten	11.00
Mathematics (MTH)	Jason Hasbrouck, Steward Thornburgh	25.00
Physics (PHY)	Ana Mazilu	7.00
Precision Machining Technology (PMT)	Jeff Hines	10.00
Welding Fabrication Technology (WFT)	Karsten Illg	14.00
Total Engineering, Mathematics and Physical Sciences Division		172.00
Learning Innovation and Teaching Excellence Division		
Program Area	AY27 Faculty Name	Academic Year Totals
Library	Holly Ledvina	7.00
Total Learning Innovation and Teaching Excellence Division		7.00
Grand Total		684.00
Recommendation: Approve the department chair hours for the academic year 2026-2027.		