



Board of Trustees of the Nebraska State Colleges

Meeting Date: **June 11, 2026**

Agenda Item: **2.7**

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION:

Committee: **Academic & Personnel Committee**

Action Item: **Low Threshold Program 2026 Annual Review**

Academic programs undergo a seven-year review by the Coordinating Commission for Postsecondary Education (CCPE). When a program does not meet the CCPE productivity threshold of averaging seven graduates annually, but receives approval to continue operating, the Nebraska State College System Board of Trustees conducts annual monitoring to review enrollment, completion trends, and institutional strategies for improvement. This report outlines the number of graduates produced during each year of monitoring and the cumulative average number of graduates across the review period.

Based on the current monitoring data, two programs continue to demonstrate sustained low productivity and are projected to again fall below the CCPE threshold during the next review cycle in April 2027. Specifically, the Sociology program at Wayne State College have generated averages of approximately five graduates annually over the past six years.

As part of the Board’s continued oversight responsibilities, the proposed action item would direct Wayne State College to conduct a formal review of the Sociology program. Each institution would be asked to develop and present a plan prior to the April 2027 CCPE review cycle outlining strategies for program modification. Potential options may include program elimination, consolidation with related academic offerings, restructuring or redesign of the curriculum, suspension of admissions, conversion to a concentration or minor, or development of collaborative/shared delivery models intended to improve long-term program viability and student demand.

The System Office recommends approval of the Low Threshold Program 2026 Annual Review.

ATTACHMENTS:

- Spring 2026 NSCS Low Threshold Program Annual Data Monitoring.pdf

**NSCS Low Threshold Program
2026 Annual Review**

2021 Low Threshold Programs - Annual Graduate Data								6-YR Grad Avg
College	Program	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	
CSC	History	3	7	5	5	7	Elim 1/26	NA
WSC	Computer Science	6	5	9	11	12	14	9.50
WSC	History	4	5	1	Elim 3/23	NA	NA	NA
WSC	Political Science	3	6	2	Elim 3/23	NA	NA	NA
WSC	Sociology	2	7	6	5	7	3	5.00

2022 Low Threshold Programs - Annual Graduate Data								5-YR Grad Avg
College	Program	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	
WSC	Appl Human & Sport Phys	7	7	11	5	13		8.60

2023 Low Threshold Programs - Annual Graduate Data								4-YR Grad Avg
College	Program	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	
CSC	Social Science	4	4	5	5			4.50
PSC	Social Science	6	7	9	7			7.25
PSC	Mathematics	4	1	2	2			2.25
WSC	Technology	7	17	11	20			13.75

2024 Low Threshold Programs - Annual Graduate Data								3-YR Grad Avg
College	Program	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	
NA	NA	NA	NA	NA				NA

2025 Low Threshold Programs - Annual Graduate Data								2-YR Grad Avg
College	Program	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	
CSC	Art	8	3					5.50
CSC	Music	3	5					4.00
CSC	Theatre	0	3					1.50
PSC	English	3	4					3.50
PSC	Music	0	0					0.00
WSC	Music	12	11					11.50

2026 Low Threshold Programs - Annual Graduate Data								1-YR Grad Avg
College	Program	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	
NA	NA	NA	NA					NA

Red - Below CCPE threshold of 7 graduates

Green - Meets or exceeds CCPE threshold of 7 graduates