

### COMPREHENSIVE ACADEMIC AFFAIRS PROGRAM REVIEW

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

## 2021-2022

Complete Program Title	
Communication Studies & Journalism	
Program Director/Coordinator	
Mary Wallace	
Division	Division Chair
Communication Arts	K. Siobhan Wright
Type of Program	
Transfer Degree:	Terminal Degree:
■ Associate of Arts (A.A.)	☐ Associate of Applied Science (A.A.S.)
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☐ Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.)	Certificate:
☐ Associate of Arts in Teaching (A.A.T.) ☐ Associate of Fine Arts (A.F.A.)	, ,
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Please provide the following information about the program based on the results of the Program Review. Use a bulleted format and do <u>not</u> exceed one page (front and back).

### 1. Synopses of the significant findings

Communication Arts & Journalism was created in response to student demand. Communication is one of the top 10 college degrees, according to College Niche and other national sources.

### 2. Strengths of the program

The program was thoroughly researched before being offered and immediately attracted students. The cornerstone course for the program is COMM-201, Mass Communication. It was offered for a second time in Spring 2021.

### 3. Weaknesses of the program

The program initially lacked both a Program Director and an Advisory Board. Other institutions have communication labs where students can create podcasts and other media-based assignments.

# 4. Plans for Improvement including timeline

Weaknesses were immediately addressed.

- Mary Wallace was named the Program Director in January 2022.
- L097 has been secured to house a Communication Lab.
- The Communication Arts Division will purchase recording devices, backdrops, lighting, and tripods for the lab, which will be introduced to students in COMM-105, Speech Communication, and used to complete assignments in COMM-201, Mass Communication, and COMM-210, Journalism, at the very least.

- A small Advisory Board was convened for a meet and greet in March 2022; one member is a former Carroll Community College student who earned a degree in Communication and the other is a working journalist.
- 5. Identification of weaknesses or deficiencies from the previous review and the status of improvements implemented or accomplished

This is the first program review.

6. Budget/position requests

None.

Signatures	
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Program Director/Coordinator	Date
K. Síobhan Wríght	May 17, 2022
Division Chair	Date
Melody L. Moore, Ph.D.	May 18, 2022
Associate Vice President for Program Development and Partnerships	Date