

April 14, 2026 – Academic Program and Curriculum Committee – Minutes

Time: Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

Location: Lubar N116 and [Microsoft Teams](#)

Present: Anja Blecking, John Boyland, Dave Clark, Sandeep Gopalakrishnan, Matt Knachel, Emily Kuhnen, Linnea Laestadius, Yura Lee, Kim Litwack, Jesse McLean, Mike Newman, Hong Min Park, Ionel Popa, Sarah Riforgiate, Nathan Salowitz, Nicholas Silvaggi, Gwyn Wallander, Jonathan Wipplinger

Absent: Matt Petering

Guests: Alan Barnhart, Sonia Bardy, Sara Benesh, Suzanne Boyd, Kate Brondino, Melissa Brown, Jennifer Brownson, Natalie Chin, Jennifer Doering, Alex Gillen, Prasenjit Guptasarma, Amy Harley, Leslie Harris, Kerry Korinek, Nadine Kozak, Lindsay McHenry, Nora Miller, Shabnam Nikravan, Hilary Snow, David Witzling

I. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 8 a.m.

II. Announcements

1. Committee Reports

APBC – There is nothing to report that is relevant to APCC.

2. [Undergraduate program review schedule](#) (PDF)

The committee is on schedule to complete all of this year's reviews.

3. Information Only:

a. [Elementary and Middle Education, BS – Reduced Credit](#) (PDF)

This is an online bachelor's in Elementary and Middle Education, designed to meet the needs of non-traditional students, and leading to DPI licensure in K-9. The program is just as rigorous as a traditional degree and won't replace existing programs.

b. [Earth, Environment, and Society](#) (PDF)

The Departments of Geography and CES are merging with Geosciences. The Department of Geosciences is changing its name to Earth, Environment, and Society.

4. [GER Exceptions \(PDF\)](#)

The registrar's office reached out with all the exceptions that have been made by the various schools and colleges. These exceptions appear to be applied inconsistently and inequitably. Often, decisions are made by advisors, rather than a dean or an appeals committee, and offer substitutions instead of exceptions. However, providing substitutions can be problematic. An exemption policy could prove more beneficial. School policy should provide a path to exception. The current GER Policy will allow exemptions for exceptional circumstances. The goal is to create a university-wide process. Dave Clark will follow up with the schools and colleges to determine their current procedures.

III. Auto consent

The following items were removed from the agenda: Theatre Practices, BA and Theatre, BFA: Performance.

The following items were removed from Auto Consent: BUS ADM 100, BME 102, WLC 501, Art Education, Art, BA: Community Arts, Art, BA: Studio Arts, and Design and Visual Communication.

1. Approval of the meeting minutes from [March 10, 2026 \(PDF\)](#).

2. Curricular changes – [Review in CourseLeaf](#)

a. New Courses

BUS ADM 208	Business Internship
CIV ENG 320	Introduction to Air Quality Engineering
COMPSCI 319	Foundations of Machine Learning
COMPSCI 402	Advanced Python Programming
WLC 500	Seminar in World Languages and Cultures

b. Changed Courses

CIV ENG 260	Software Applications for Civil Engineering
CIV ENG 490	Transportation Engineering
CIV ENG 571	Design of Concrete Structures
CIV ENG 572	Design of Steel Structures
CIV ENG 573	Design of Masonry and Wood Structures
CIV ENG 574	Design of Prestressed Concrete Structures
CIV ENG 579	Earthquake Engineering
CIV ENG 590	Urban Transportation Planning

CIV ENG 592	Traffic Control
CIV ENG 596	Transportation Facilities Design
COMMUN 312	Your Career and Communication
COMPLIT 309	Great Works of Modern Literature: (subtitle)
COMPSCI 469	Software Security and Applied Cryptography
COMPSCI 594	Capstone Project Preparation
ED POL 375	Cultural Foundations of Education
ELECENG 335	Intermediate Electronics
ELECENG 362	Electromechanical Energy Conversion
ENGLISH 406	Advanced English Grammar
FRENCH 303	Conversation and Composition: Intermediate Level
FRENCH 324	Contemporary French Language and Culture
FRENCH 325	Intensive Grammar and Usage
FRENCH 332	Reading French Texts
FRENCH 334	French on Screen
FRENCH 357	Literature of the French-Speaking World in Translation: (subtitle)
FRENCH 392	Phonetics
FRENCH 415	Introduction to Translation: French to English
FRENCH 427	Advanced Written Expression
FRENCH 428	Castles, Cathedrals, and Common People: The Foundations of French Culture
FRENCH 429	Royalty, Reason, and Revolution: The Golden Age of French Culture
FRENCH 430	Reaction and Innovation: French Culture of the 19th and 20th Centuries
FRENCH 431	Seminar in Literature of the Francophone World: (subtitle)
FRENCH 432	Seminar in French and Francophone Cultures: (subtitle)
FRENCH 433	Seminar in French Literature: (subtitle)
FRENCH 451	Cinema of the French-Speaking World: (subtitle)
GLOBAL 391	Global Social Movements: (subtitle)
IND ENG/ELECENG/	

MECHENG 369	Introduction to Probability and Statistical Inference
IND ENG/ELECENG 550	Control of Automated Manufacturing Systems
MATLENG/IND ENG 460	Nanomaterials and Nanomanufacturing
MECHENG 101	Computational Tools for Engineers
NURS 354	Clinical Nursing Skills
NURS 431	Health and Illness Concepts 3 – Lifespan: Maternal-Infant and Pediatric Nursing
NURS 432	Population Health
NURS 434	Nursing Informatics and Technology
NURS 477	Health and Illness Complex Concepts 4
NUTR 241	Why We Eat What We Eat: A Social Ecological Approach
PH 408	Comparative Health Systems: A Social Determinants Approach
SOCIOL 299	Topics in Sociology: (subtitle)
SOCIOL 361	Research Methods and Data in Sociology
SOCIOL 375	Social Theory
SOCIOL 499	Advanced Topics in Sociology: (subtitle)
WGS 200	Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies: Civics and Perspectives
WGS 201	Introduction to Women’s and Gender Studies: Humanities and Arts

c. Courses Requesting/Changing GER

i. Communication and Literacy

FILM 305 Copyright, Copyleft: Writing, Digital Cinema, and Computers

ii. Mathematics and Quantitative Reasoning

ECON 210 Economic Statistics

*iv. Natural Sciences and Wellness (*Lab Designation)*

GEO SCI 151* Ocean Sciences Laboratory

d. Inactivated Courses

BMS 600/600X Contrast Diagnostic Imaging

BMS 601/601X Molecular Imaging for Diagnostic Imaging

COMPLIT 504 Seminar in the Novel: (subtitle)

DMI 327	Foundations of Sonography I
DMI 328	Foundations of Sonography II
FRENCH 110	French for Travelers
FRENCH 192	First-Year Seminar: (subtitle)
FRENCH 349	Studies in French Culture: (subtitle)
FRENCH 426	Growing Up French
FRENCH 520	Seminar in Contemporary French Literature: (subtitle)
FRENCH 599	Tools and Techniques of Research in French
GLOBAL 194	First-Year Seminar: (subtitle)
GLOBAL 421	Cities in the Global Economy
NURS 423	Clinical Nursing Skills 2
SPANISH 444	Spanish Syntax and Morphology

e. Minor Program Changes

Accounting, BBA/Information Technology Management, MS

Biomedical Engineering, BSE/Engineering, MS: Biomedical Engineering (New AGD)

Biomedical Sciences, BS: Biomedical Science

Biomedical Sciences, BS: Diagnostic Imaging Completion

Biomedical Sciences, BS: Health Sciences

Biomedical Sciences, BS: Health Sciences Degree Completion

Biomedical Sciences, BS: Public Health Microbiology (Inactivation)

Biomedical Sciences, BS: Radiologic Technology

Business ACC Electives

Business Advancement to the Major

Business and General Electives Non-ACC/ITM/General Majors

Business Core Courses for Accounting Majors

Business Core Courses for Non-Accounting Majors

Business Foundation Courses

Business ITM/General Electives

Business Scholars

Business: Accounting, BBA: Data Analysis

Civil Engineering, BSE/Engineering, MS: Civil Engineering (New AGD)

Community Engagement and Education, BS

Community Engagement and Education, BS: Child and Family Services

Community Engagement and Education, BS: Child Care

Community Engagement and Education, BS: Exceptional Education (Non-Licensure)

Community Engagement and Education, BS/Cultural Foundations of Community Engagement and Education, MS

Community Engagement and Education, BS/Educational Psychology, MS: Cognitive and Developmental Sciences

Computer Engineering, BS/Engineering, MS: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (New AGD)

Computer Engineering, BS/Engineering, MS: Electrical and Computer Engineering (New AGD)

Conservation and Environmental Sciences, BA

Conservation and Environmental Sciences, BS

Conservation and Environmental Sciences, Minor

Criminal Justice and Criminology, BS/Criminal Justice and Criminology, MS

Cybersecurity, Undergraduate Certificate

Education, BS: English and Language Arts Education

Education, BS: Inclusive Early Childhood Teacher Education

Electrical Engineering, BSE/Engineering, MS: Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning (New AGD)

Electrical Engineering, BSE/Engineering, MS: Electrical and Computer Engineering (New AGD)

Environmental Engineering, BSE/Engineering, MS: Civil Engineering

Exceptional Education, BS: K4-12 Special Education/Exceptional Education, MS

Finance, BBA/Information Technology Management, MS

Finance, BBA/Management, MS: Finance Analysis

Global Studies, BA

History, BA

Human Resources Management, BBA/Information Technology Management, MS

Information Science and Technology, BS

Information Technology Management, BBA/Information Technology Management, MS

Marketing, BBA/Information Technology Management, MS

Marketing, BBA/Management, MS: Marketing

Materials Engineering, BSE/Engineering, MS: Materials Engineering

Microbiology, BS

Nutritional Sciences, BS

Nutritional Sciences, BS/Public Health, MPH: Nutrition and Dietetics

Physics, BS

Physics, Minor

Studio Art, BFA

Supply Chain and Operations Management, BBA/Digital Supply Chain Management, MS

Supply Chain and Operations Management, BBA/Information Technology Management, MS

IV. New Business

1. [Undergraduate Program Review – Communication \(PDF\)](#)

John Boyland moved to accept the Communication report and Gwyn Wallander seconded the motion.

The review team recommended that the program be continued. Further recommendations included university support to invest in technology and online course development, allocation of tenure lines, and support for graduate assistants.

The motion passed unanimously.

2. [Blacksmithing, Undergraduate Certificate \(PDF\)](#)

Dave Clark moved to approve the certificate and John Boyland seconded the motion.

The Proposed Certificate in Blacksmithing functions as an optional add-on to the BA or BFA degrees within the Department of Art and Design. The curriculum is designed to integrate seamlessly within the 120-credit BA and 123-credit BFA programs, allowing students to satisfy certificate requirements through a combination of required and elective courses.

The motion passed unanimously.

3. BUS ADM 100

John Boyland moved to approve the course and Jesse McLean seconded.

BUS ADM 100 is an existing course that is requesting Civics and Perspectives GER. Concerns include the cost of the textbook and whether the course fits the category. The \$40 course fee is acceptable but should be listed on the syllabus. The course has become more intentional about discussions on civic engagement, civic responsibility, and ethics.

The motion carried with one nay and two abstentions.

4. BME 102

John Boyland moved to approve the course and Sarah Riforgiate seconded.

The course description refers to engineering course objectives, but the topics and the textbook look like a standard logic course. There is significant overlap with MATH/PHILOS 111. If Engineering is interested in offering logic courses, they should consider offering them jointly with Math or Philosophy.

The motion failed with one abstention.

5. WLC 501

Jonathan Wipplinger moved to approve the course and John Boyland seconded.

The Uniform Syllabus Policy requires citations for recommended readings.

The motion failed.

6. Art Education, Art, BA: Community Arts; Art, BA: Studio Arts; and Design and Visual Communication, BA.

John Boyland moved to approve the program changes with their plans of study and Emily Kuhnen seconded the motion.

The plans of study have students taking 15 credits in their first semester, two of which are GER, and then MQR in the second semester. However, most students will need to take MQR prerequisites, and there is no room for them in the first semester schema. The committee is less concerned with specific courses, but rather the way the program is presented. The university must be truthful about what students will need to graduate. The plan could say gen ed or extracurricular to keep it open.

John Boyland called for a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

V. Adjournment