

September 8, 2026 – Academic Program and Curriculum Committee – Minutes

Time: Tuesday at 8:00 a.m.

Present: Anja Blecking, John Boyland, Ben Church, Dave Clark, Dan Cordas, Sandeep Gopalakrishnan, Matt Knachel, Emily Kuhn, Linnea Laestadius, Jesse McLean, Simonetta Milli Konewko, Mike Newman, Matt Petering, Sarah Riforgiate, Aki Roberts, Nathan Salowitz, Hilary Snow, Erica Young

Absent: Nicholas Silvaggi

Guests: Dijo Alexander, Alan Barnhart, Sara Benesh, Lisa Berger, Suzanne Boyd, Jenny Brownson, Kaushal Chari, Alessandra Gillen, Jaime Harris, Mallory Kaul, Kerry Korinek, Nadine Kozak, Marie LeJeune, Kim Litwack, Nora Miller, Brett Peters, Deepti Piziak, Aragorn Quinn, Monica Rausch Camacho, Jamie Rose, Jessica Russell, Romila Singh, Andrea Wrench, Marc Young

I. Call to order

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

II. Announcements

1. Committee Reports and Orientation

Mike Newman provided a brief overview of how APCC works. Call for a student to serve on APCC.

2. GER Subcommittee

Historically, GER review required a lot of work to manually collect and assess courses. The process will now be handled by CASL and will be much more streamlined. Hilary Snow and Anja Blecking volunteered to serve on the subcommittee.

3. [Undergraduate program review schedule \(PDF\)](#)

Neuroscience: Matt Knachel (chair), Jesse McLean

Geosciences: John Boyland (chair), Erica Young, Ben Church

Data Science: Aki Roberts (chair)

Freshwater Sciences: Ben Church (chair), Sandeep Gopalakrishnan

ASL/English: Sarah Riforgiate (chair)

4. [APCC 2025-2026 Annual Report \(PDF\)](#)

III. Auto consent

1. Approval of the meeting minutes from [May 12, 2026 \(PDF\)](#).

Move BUS ADM 220 and JAPAN 110 to New Business.

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

a. New Courses (▪ Requesting GER; * Lab Designation)

COMPSCI 309 Network and Web Security

INFOST 581 Software Engineering Principles

b. Changed Courses (▪ Requesting GER; * Lab Designation)

▪ LINGUIS 105 Linguistic Approaches to AI Literacy

c. Items Approved Over the Summer

i. Courses

ACTSCI 567 Actuarial Statistics II

ARCH 326 Energy Design Fundamentals

ARCH 380 Drawing in Architecture

ARCH 521 Environmental Systems: Resources-Fluid Distribution Systems

ARCH 522 Environmental Systems: Lighting and Acoustical Design

ARCH 534 Field Study: (subtitle)

ARCH 550 Seminar in Building Types and Settings

ARCH 551 American Vernacular Architecture

ARCH 553 Vernacular Buildings and Groupings

ARCH 580 Graphic Techniques for Architects

ARCH 583 Emerging Digital Technology: (subtitle)

ARCH 584 Urban Landscape Architecture

ARCH 587 Post-Occupancy Evaluation of Built Environments

ATRIN 212 Athletic Training Clinical Observation

COMPLIT 192 First-Year Seminar: (subtitle)

COMPLIT 293 Literature and Science: (subtitle)

COMPLIT 320	Mediaeval Literature and Culture: (subtitle)
COMPLIT 321	Renaissance Literature and Culture: (subtitle)
COMPLIT 363/	
CHINESE 363	Chinese Literature in the Global Context: (subtitle)
COMPLIT 449	Modern and Contemporary Drama
COMPLIT 463	Literary Criticism: Major Authors
COMPLIT 464	Seminar in Comparative Literary Criticism: (subtitle)
COMPLIT 504	Seminar in the Novel: (subtitle)
FRENCH 450	Institutions and Culture of Contemporary France
FRENCH 510	Seminar on Masterpieces of Literature in Written French: (subtitle)
HEBREW 301	Fifth Semester Hebrew
HEBREW 302	Sixth Semester Hebrew
MUSIC 457	Opera Theatre
MUSIC 465	Steel Band
NURS 431	Health and Illness Concepts 3 – Lifespan: Maternal-Infant & Pediatric Nursing
NURS 477	Health and Illness Concepts 4 – Complex Care
PORTUGS 110	Accelerated Portuguese I

ii. Programs

Asian Studies, Undergraduate Certificate

Committee Interdisciplinary Major, BA/BS (Inactivation)

Criminal Justice and Criminology, BS

Enterprise Resource Planning, Undergraduate Certificate

Nursing, BS

Nursing, RN to BS Program

IV. New Business

1. Elect Co-Chair

Dave Clark nominated Sarah Riforgiate. Sarah accepted. John Boyland moved to close nominations and elect Sarah. Hilary Snow seconded and the motion passed unanimously.

[2. Human Resources Management and Analytics, Graduate Certificate](#)

This certificate fulfills a gap in graduate education at UWM. It meets a need in the market and requires no new courses or faculty.

Sarah Riforgiate moved to approve the certificate. Matt Petering seconded and the motion passed with one abstention.

[3. Revise GER Implementation Document](#)

The GER Implementation Document was revised to provide clarity and consistency in GER exceptions and to clarify transfer rules for advisors.

Matt Petering moved to approve the revised GER Implementation Document. Sarah Riforgiate seconded the motion.

Erica Young moved to postpone further discussion. Ben Church seconded and the motion carried.

[a. Track Changes](#)

[b. Clean](#)

[4. Addendum to GER Language in Catalog](#)

General Education

The University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee has implemented the new General Education Requirements below effective Fall 2026. Continuing students completing General Education Requirements as effective prior to Fall 2026 may satisfy the OWC-A through three earned credits in English 102 or through other means previously published; a grade of C or higher is no longer required.

Sarah Riforgiate moved to approve the GER Language in the catalog. Matt Petering seconded and the motion passed with one abstention.

[5. Undergraduate Program Review – Urban Studies \(PDF\)](#)

The program review team recommended that program be continued. Additional suggestions included monitoring budget and expenditure divergences to protect the program's endowment principal and consider implementing formal course substitution/waiver pathways to accommodate double majors.

Hilary Snow moved to approve the Urban Studies report. Sarah Riforgiate seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

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

The reduced-credit Elementary Education program is designed for non-traditional students – professionals, career changers, students who might find it difficult to attend traditional F2F courses. The current F2F program will continue. DPI notes that elementary ed is in dire need of teachers. The program consists of 94-97 credits and can be completed in three years if students utilize Winterim and summer.

The committee had questions about the academic integrity of online courses. Although the entire program can be completed online, field placement courses are conducted in person. The program is working on instructional design to create the most effective pedagogy and address issues of academic integrity.

Courses are currently being developed and have not yet been entered into CIM.

Matt Petering moved to approve the program. Dave Clark seconded the motion.

John Boyland moved to amend the motion to approve the ATI subject to the fact that the catalog copy must be approved by APCC. Ben Church seconded and the motion passed 11-5.

7. BUS ADM 220 and JAPAN 110

BUS ADM 220 AI for Everyone: Thinking and Working with Artificial Intelligence

This is a new GER course that targets gen alpha. The course is requesting GER for Civics and Perspectives, but its outcomes don't match that category.

Sarah Riforgiate moved to approve BUS ADM 220 and Matt Petering seconded. The motion failed with one abstention.

JAPAN 110 Japanese Popular Culture

This course is asking for Humanities and Arts designation but the outcomes match Civics and Perspectives.

Hilary Snow moved to approve JAPAN 110 and Sarah Riforgiate seconded. The motion failed.

V. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:32 a.m.