



# University Academic Council

Tuesday, April 28, 2026

2:00 – 5:00 PM

UC REDHAWKS ROOM

Date approved: 05/05/2026

## MINUTES

- Present: Melissa Odegard, Karl Suhr, Christopher Baldwin, Sarah Shaner, Chrissy Rutledge, Amanda Eller, Shawn Guiling, Quantella Noto, Chris Haug, Kyle Schneider, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Tammy Randolph, Paul Sharpe, Lucas Skidmore, Eric Bain-Selbo, Kevin Dickson, Michelle Brune
- Guest: Shannon Clapsaddle, Gillian Nicholls, Sarah Kuborn, Sarah Garner, Lesli Pace, Shonta Smith, Tony Faber, Beverly Evans, Seidu Sofo, Phillip Crawford, Timothy Judd, David Yaskewich, Tom Blattel

### I. Minutes from April 7, 2026, Academic Council

- o Weller-Stilson motioned to approve the minutes from March 3, 2026, University Academic Council meeting. Dr. Sharpe seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### II. Action Items

- o New Program:
  - A. Harrison College of Business & Computing
    - 1. Management
      - a. New Option: [Management: Entrepreneurship BSBA](#)

Dickson moved, Sharpe seconded. McMillan present for questions. Converted from standalone major to option within Management. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. New Certificate: [Emerging Manager](#)

Dickson moved, Paul seconded. McMillan present for questions. New 12 hr cert under FAFSA guidelines and made in partnership with SFMC. First cohort of students from SFMC who is paying 100% of the bill. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 2. Computer Science
          - a. New Program: [AI Driven Cybersecurity Infrastructure](#)

Dickson moved; Sharpe seconded. Aligned with restructuring. Moves AI, networking and cybersecurity into one place. Guimares present for questions. AI Driven was chosen as name by faculty under guidance of naming courses by goal and not by technology. In the short run, having AI in the title will drive searches. The motion was approved unanimously.

- B. College of Education, Health & Human Studies
            - 1. Allied Health, Kinesiology and Sport Sciences
              - a. New Certificate: [Pre Healthcare Preparatory](#)

Odegard moved, Sharpe seconded. Schneider present for questions. Shared core in the certificate. Hours between 36 and 40. Audience is SEMO students only and helps make bridge to grad school in regard to financial aid eligibility. The motion was approved unanimously.

- C. College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
  - 1. Biological & Environmental Sciences
    - a. New Certificate - [Natural History Museum Curation](#)

Randolph moved, Sharpe seconded. Judd present for questions. Built from existing courses; interdisciplinary collaboration noted. The motion was approved unanimously.

- o Addition of Minor:
- o Other (Revisions and Deletions):
  - A. Holland College of Arts & Media
    - 1. Art & Design
      - a. Program Change: [Art BFA](#)

Weller-Stilson moved, Sharpe seconded. Kenney. Removes required emphasis to increase flexibility and collaboration. Passed unanimously. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 2. Music
  - a. Program Change: Music Education BME: [Vocal](#)
  - b. Program Change: Music Education BME: [Instrumental](#)

Weller-Stilson motioned to combine and approve the Vocal and Instrumental Music Education BMEs; Haug seconded. Revised functional piano curriculum to piano proficiency model and courses were reduced. Concerns raised regarding accreditation alignment and credit hours. The motion passed, with one abstention.

- B. Harrison College of Business & Computing
  - 1. Management
    - a. Program Deletion: [Management MS](#)

Dickson moved, Sharpe seconded. Replaced by MBA pathways. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Program Deletion: [Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation BSBA](#)

Dickson moved, Randolph seconded. Transition to management option. Teach out in place. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Program and Mode of Delivery Change: [Human Resource Management MBA](#)

Dickson moved to combine and approve all changes on agenda related to MBA: Other B.1.c., Other B.1.d., Other B.2.a., Other B.2.b., Other B.2.c., Other B.3.a. Sharpe seconded. Curriculum housekeeping changes include renaming core courses, expanding elective flexibility, adding online delivery and repackaging Entrepreneurship and removing low-enrollment Environmental option. The motion was approved unanimously.

- d. Program Change, Option Name Change, Mode of Delivery: [Entrepreneurship & Corporate Innovation MBA](#)

Bundled with all MBA changes. See Other B.1.c.

- e. Program Change: [Healthcare Management MS](#)
- f. Option Deletion: Healthcare Management MS: [Administration](#)
- g. Option Deletion: Healthcare Management MS: [Informatics](#)

Dickson moved to bundle and approve deletion of options and changes to Healthcare Management MS; Sharpe seconded. Consolidated into single program with elective options; adds delivery flexibility. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 2. Accounting, Economics & Finance
  - a. Program and Mode of Delivery Change: [Financial Management MBA](#)
  - b. Program Deletion: [Environmental Management MBA](#)
  - c. Program Change: [International Business MBA](#)

Bundled with all MBA changes. See Other B.1.c.

- 3. Marketing
  - a. Program Change, Option Name Change: [General Management MBA](#)

Bundled with all MBA changes. See Other B.1.c.

### C. College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

- 1. Engineering & Technology
  - a. Option Deletion: Technology Management: [Industrial & Safety Management](#)

Randolph moved, Singh seconded. No teach out required. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Program Change: [Industrial and Systems Engineering BS](#)

Randolph moved, Sharpe seconded. Reduces low-enrollment courses; increases cross-program alignment. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Program Deletion: [Unmanned Aircraft Systems BS](#)

Randolph moved, Sharpe seconded. Low enrollment; courses retained in other programs. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 2. Biological & Environmental Sciences
  - a. Program Change - [Biology BS: Marine Biology](#)

Randolph moved, Sharpe seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 3. Mathematics
  - a. Program Change: [Data Science MS](#)

Randolph moved; Dickson seconded. Singh was present for questions. Collaborating with HCBC and adding business analytics option. Long desired to include STEM business analytics courses. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Option Deletion: Mathematics: [Actuarial Science BS](#)
- c. Option Deletion: [Mathematics & Statistics BS](#)
- d. Program Name Change: [Mathematics BS](#)

Randolph moved to combine and approve the deletion of Actuarial Science and Mathematics & Statistics options and the change to Mathematics BS, Sharpe seconded. Singh was present for questions. Deleting one course and moving 2 from required to elective. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. Chemistry and Physics

- a. Program Change, Option Name Change: Chemistry BS: [Comprehensive Chemistry Option](#)

Randolph moved, Sharpe seconded. Crawford was present for questions. Changing name to include certification title. ACS cert is a mark of quality with strict standards. Only 16% of universities in US are ACS certified. Removing two tracks and adding courses to core due to recommendations from review of program. Creating more flexibility in ACS track. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Option Deletion: Chemistry: [Forensic Chemistry BS](#) - Asked Hunter to return to AC

Randolph moved; Sharpe seconded. Option being deleted, but program not yet ready for approval. Sharpe moved to delete when the new program is approved next week, Haug seconded. The motion was unanimously voted to table.

D. College of Education, Health, & Human Studies

1. Child & Family Studies

- a. Name Change, CIP Change: [Family Studies Minor](#)

Odgard moved, Randolph seconded. Kuborn was present for questions. Would like to change title to align with new department and program names. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Allied Health, Kinesiology and Sport Sciences

- a. Program Change, Reduced Credit Hours: [Sports Management BS](#)

Odegard moved, Sharpe seconded. Evans was present for questions. Reducing to 90 hrs and removing minor. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Program Change, Reduced Credit Hours: [Exercise Science BS](#)

Odegard moved, Schneider seconded. Reduced 9 hours of electives to 3. Removed courses without accreditation focus. Reduced field experience by 1 hour. Other reductions through content shifting. 96 credits total including pre-reqs. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Program Change, Reduced Credit Hours: [Secondary Education: Physical Education \(K-12\) - BSE](#)

Odegard motioned to correct agenda by moving from Leadership, Middle and Secondary Education to Allied Health and approve; Sharpe seconded. Odegard proposed to keep bulletin language, but add italicized verbiage, to address the program requiring less than 42 Gen Ed credits. Concern that Gen Ed Council has not been consulted.

Odegard moved to change bulletin language ; Sharpe seconded. No specific language was presented. Motion considered.

Motion to change the gen ed requirement of 42 hours, proposer unknown. Bain-Selbo moved to table; Haug seconded. 7 approved; 6 opposed. Motion was tabled.

Motion to table Physical Education BSE. The motion to table was approved unanimously.

3. Psychology & Counseling

- a. Program Deletion: [Industrial / Organizational Psychology MA](#)

Odegard moved, Sharpe seconded. Odegard took questions. Not meeting workforce area needs and students will be taught out. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Mode of Delivery: [School Psychological Examiner Certificate](#)
- c. Mode of Delivery: [School Counseling MA](#)

Motion by Odegard to combine and approve School Psychological Examiner Cert and School Counseling MA, Sharpe seconded. Both going online only. Confusion on if this is hiflex, which is how CAD is marked. If it is hiflex, all courses must be taught online. Friendly amendment to wait for information on if it could be hiflex. If not, will be removed. The motion was approved unanimously.

- d. Program Change: [Applied Behavioral Analysis - MA](#)

Odegard moved, Sharpe seconded. Online and will stay online. Reduced to 30 credits to be competitive with other programs. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 4. Elementary, Early, and Special Education
  - a. Certificate Deletion - [Autism Spectrum Disorder](#)

Odegard moved, Dickson seconded. Low enrollment is from students not finishing the last class. Makes sense to remove certification. The motion was approved unanimously.

#### E. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- 1. History & Anthropology
  - a. Program Deletion: [Social Science BA](#)

Bain-Selbo moved; Randolph seconded. Bain-Selbo was present for questions. Numbers have been declining across several years. Teachout will occur for 34 students. The motion was approved unanimously.

- 2. English
  - a. Program Change: [English BA](#)

In combo with Writing BA and Small Press Publishing. Movement of classes to allow for rotation. Changes create efficiencies. The motion was approved unanimously.

- b. Mode of Delivery: [English MA](#)

Bain-Selbo moved; Randolph seconded. Adding online. The motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Program Deletion: [Writing BA](#)
- d. Minor Deletion: [Small Press Publishing Minor](#)

Bain-Selbo motioned to bundle Writing BA and Small Press Publishing Minor and approve; Sharpe seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### o Tabled Items

- A. College of Education, Health and Human Studies
  - 1. Leadership, Middle and Secondary Education
    - a. Program Change, Reduced Credit Hour: [Middle School Education - BSE](#)

Remained tabled.

2. Child and Family Studies

- a. Program Change, Reduced Credit Hour: [Family and Consumer Sciences Education - BSED](#)

Remained tabled.

III. Information Items

- o College of Education, Health, & Human Studies
  - A. Nursing
    - 1. Program Change: [Nursing MSN](#)
  - B. Elementary, Early & Special Education
    - 1. Program Change: [Higher Education Administration - MA](#)
  - C. Leadership, Middle and Secondary Education
    - 1. Program Change: [Elementary Education - BSE](#)
- o College of Humanities and Social Sciences
  - A. Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Sociology
    - 1. Program Change: [Criminal Justice MS](#)
    - 2. Program Change: [Criminal Justice BS](#)
- o College of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics
  - A. Chemistry and Physics
    - 1. Program Change: Chemistry BS: [Biochemistry](#)
- o Harrison College of Business & Computing
  - A. Accounting, Economics & Finance
    - 1. Program Change: [Accounting BSBA](#)
    - 2. CIP Change: [Economics BSBA](#)
    - 3. Program Change: [Accounting MBA](#)
  - B. Management
    - 1. Program Change: [Healthcare Management Graduate Certificate](#)
    - 2. Program Change: [Marketing MBA](#)
    - 3. Program Change: [Health Administration MBA](#)
  - C. Marketing
    - a. Program Change: [All Majors BSBA](#)
- o [Proposed New Courses, Course Title Changes and Course Terminations](#): (proposed courses are currently submitted for 10-day review, will be submitted for 10- day review as of program approval, or were reviewed since the last Academic Council)
  - A. Holland College of Arts & Music
    - 1. Music
      - a. MU253 Functional Piano III – Course Termination
      - b. MU254 Functional Piano IV – Course Termination
      - c. ME443 Choral Literature – Credit Hours, Course Details
    - 2. Art & Design
      - a. AR490 BFA Studio Capstone – Title Change
      - b. AR399 Prof Practice in Visual Art – Title Change
      - c. AR418 Transformational Image Making – Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite Change, Course Details

- d. AR324 Time Based Media – Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite Change, Course Details
    - e. AR323 Introduction to Photography & New Media – Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite Change, Course Details
- B. College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
  - 1. Agriculture
    - a. AO480 Crop Production – Course Termination
  - 2. Biological & Environmental Sciences
    - a. BS128 Inquiry & Evidence: Scientific Practices for Educators – New Course
    - b. GT450 Advanced Geospatial Analysis – New Course
    - c. GT341 Advanced Remote Sensing – New Course
  - 3. Engineering and Technology
    - a. EG350 Introduction to Operations Research – New Course
    - b. EG310 Spreadsheet Modeling – New Course
    - c. IM417 Manufacturing Resource Analysis – Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite Change, Course Details
    - d. IM550 Decision Models – New Course
- C. College of Education, Health, and Human Studies
  - 1. Psychology & Counseling
    - a. AB535 Principles Psychopharmacology – Course Termination
    - b. AB608 Research & Practice in ABA III – Course Termination
    - c. AB605 Research & Practice in ABA I – Course Termination
    - d. AB607 Research & Practice in ABA II – Course Termination
    - e. AB536 The Experimental Analysis of Behavior – New Course
  - 2. Elementary, Early & Special Education
    - a. EL360 Int Mth, Sci, Soc Sci, Hlth – Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite Change, Course Details
    - b. EL356 Teaching Mathematics in the Elementary School – New Course
  - 3. Allied Health, Kinesiology & Health Sciences
    - a. HL231 Fitness Conditioning – Title Change, Description Change, Course Details
    - b. HL485 Seminar – Description Change, Credit Hours, Course Details
    - c. HL498 Field Experience – Credit Hours, Course Details
- D. Harrison College of Business & Computing
  - 1. The College
    - a. BA660 Strat Cost Fin App – Title Change
    - b. BA685 Applied Business Analytics – New Course
- E. College of Humanities and Social Sciences
  - 1. History & Anthropology
    - a. WH409 A History of Greek and Roman Myth – New Course

IV. Discussion Items

Sharpe moved to adjourn. Passed unanimously.