



University Academic Council

February 3, 2026

3:00 – 5:00 PM

UC REDHAWKS ROOM

Date approved: XX/XX/XXXX

Present: Doug Koch, Michelle Brune, Tonya Wells, Eric Bain-Selbo, Mel Odegard, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Kevin Dickson, Paul Sharpe, Tammy Randolph, Kyle Schneider, Shawn Guling, Quantella Noto, Chris Haug, Christopher Baldwin, Sarah Shaner, Amanda Eller, Chrissy Rutledge, Lucas Skidmore

Absent: Karl Suhr

Guests: Steven Stovall, Brad Deken, Laura Schumpert, Julie Twidwell, Tonya Wells, Adam Criblez, Nick Kenney, Joni Hand, Abby Ruessler, Candee Baker, Samantha Siemers

I. MINUTES

Dr. Sharpe motioned to approve the minutes from the December 2, 2025 University Academic Council meeting. Dr. Randolph seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

II. Action Items

o New Program:

A. Harrison College of Business & Computing

1. Management

a. New Certificate: [Grad Certificate in Project Management](#)

Dr. Dickson moved, seconded by Dr. Bain-Selbo. Dr. Stovall presented a new graduate certificate. The certificate uses existing courses (with one course name change); 48 students are currently enrolled in MGT 548, which is included. Discussion clarified that the certificate is intended to be open to all students, not limited to MBA students, with flexibility for prerequisites and stackable certificates. MGT 548 prepares students for the CAPM exam. Motion passed unanimously.

B. College of Humanities and Social Sciences

1. History & Anthropology

a. New Program: [Master of Arts in History](#)

Dr. Bain-Selbo moved, seconded by Dr. Dickson. Dr. Criblez presented a proposed fully online master's program. The Master of Arts in History is aimed primarily at educators, while the Master's in Public History targets professionals in museums, archives, and related fields; only two courses require a modality change. There is minimal to no impact on resources. Motion passed unanimously.

C. College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

1. Agriculture

a. New Program: [BS in Agriculture](#)

Dr. Randolph moved, seconded by Dr. Dickson. A new degree was proposed, shifting focus away from the traditional agribusiness program, which will be phased out, toward a science- and technology-focused

curriculum. Animal Science and BS programs have already been withdrawn as part of this transition. Credit hours were discussed, noting a discrepancy (133 listed vs. expected ~123); Chrissy Rutledge will work with Agriculture to confirm the correct total, consistent with non-accredited degree norms. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. Holland College of Arts & Media
 - 1. Art & Design
 - a. New Minor: [Minor in Art History](#)

Dr. Hand moved, seconded by Dr. Brune. Proposal to split an existing minor to allow greater flexibility, including enabling art majors to stack a history minor. No new resources or faculty are required, and all courses are already approved; the changes primarily reorganize degree designations to improve campus-wide access. Motion passed unanimously.

- b. New Minor: [Studio Art Minor](#)

Dr. Hand moved, seconded by Dr. Brune. Proposal followed the same rationale as the previously discussed Minor in Art History, emphasizing flexibility and use of existing courses and resources. Motion passed unanimously.

- o Other (Revisions and Deletions):
 - A. Holland College of Arts & Media
 - 1. Art & Design
 - a. Minor Deletion: [Art History/Art Studio Minor](#)

Dr. Hand moved, seconded by Dr. Brune. Proposal to delete the Art History/Art Studio Minor, consistent with the previously stated rationale for restructuring minors. New students will enroll in one of the revised minors, while current students will be allowed to complete the existing minor with appropriate course rotation to ensure teach-out. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. College of Education, Health, & Human Studies
 - 1. Nursing
 - a. Program Change: [Nursing Program - BSN](#)
 - Significant Curriculum Change

Odegard moved, seconded by Bain-Selbo. Julie and Laura presented proposed program changes following the 2024 state onsite visit. Revisions include merging clinical and theory components, reducing clinical hours from 887.5 to 765, and lowering the program credit total from 64 to 63, while maintaining a 120-hour degree with 3 elective credits. The discussed changes will result in less interruption in direct patient contact in course repeaters and are anticipated to reduce overall program attrition. Discussion noted that the current curriculum's clinical courses are pass/fail and do not count toward the Dean's List; with the proposed curriculum, these courses would be merged and receive a letter grade, which would count towards the Dean's List. The Provost has requested review of similar programs. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Elementary, Early, & Special Education
 - a. Program Change: [BS in Elementary Education](#)
 - Mode of Delivery

Dr. Bain-Selbo moved, seconded by Dr. Randolph. Larry presented a proposal emphasizing that an online degree option will support workforce participants and is expected to increase enrollment. Dr. Baker noted that General Education courses, including biology and math, are planned to be offered online by Fall 2026. Discussion included considerations of the balance between online and face-to-face offerings. Motion passed unanimously.

- C. College of Humanities & Social Sciences

1. Criminal Justice, Social Work & Sociology
 - a. Program Change: [Master of Science in Criminal Justice](#)
 - Minimal Curriculum Changes

Dr. Bain-Selbo moved, seconded by Dr. Dickson. Proposal to correct a previous oversight in the Master of Science in Criminal Justice curriculum by adding a course that was mistakenly omitted. No other curriculum changes. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
 1. Engineering & Technology
 - a. Minimal Program Change: [Engineering Physics - BS](#)
 - Minimal Curriculum Changes

Dr. Randolph moved, seconded by Dr. Sharpe. Dr. Deken presented minimal curriculum changes to the BS in Engineering Physics, allowing the elimination of two low-enrollment courses. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Office of the Provost
 1. Minor Deletion: [Military Science Minor](#)

Dr. Brune moved, seconded by Dr. Sharpe. The Military Science Minor is being deleted due to the discontinuation of the Show Me Gold program from lack of funding. Motion passed unanimously.

III. Information Items

- 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. Provost
 1. NG203 Introduction to Army Team Leadership – course termination
 2. NG402 Preparing for First Duty Assignment – course termination
 3. NG401 Application of Army Leadership Skills – course termination
 4. NG302 Adaptive Army Leadership II – course termination
 5. NG301 Adaptive Leadership – course termination
 6. NG202 Team Leadership II – course termination
 7. NG201 Introduction to Army Team Leadership I – course termination
 8. NG104 Army Leadership Study – course termination
 9. NG103 Army War Leader Course – course termination
 10. NG101 Introduction to Military Science – course termination
 11. NG001 Physical Readiness Training – course termination
 - B. College of Education, Health & Human Services
 1. Allied Health, Kinesiology & Sport Sciences
 - a. PE315 Method Mid Schl PE – title change, description change, course details
 2. Nursing
 - a. NS373 Pharmacology – title change, description change, pre-requisite and co-requisite changes
 - b. NS271 Intro to Nursing Concepts – title change, course number change, description change, pre-requisite and co-requisite change
 - c. NS371 Fundamentals of Nursing - title change, description change, pre-requisite or co-requisite change, credit hour change
 - d. NS376 Informatics and Technology for Nursing Practice – new course

- e. NS387 Adult Health I – title change, description change, pre-requisite and co-requisite change, course details
 - f. NS381 Nursing Research – title change, course number change, description change, pre-requisite and co-requisite change
 - g. NS388 Maternal-Newborn Nursing - title change, description change, pre-requisite or co-requisite change, credit hour change
 - h. NS389 Mental Health Nursing – title change, description change, pre-requisite or co-requisite change, credit hour change
 - i. NS487 Adult Health II – title change, description change, pre-requisite or co-requisite change, credit hour change
 - j. NS488 Pediatric Nursing – description change, pre-requisite or co-requisite change, credit hours change
 - k. NS491 Transitions in Nursing - title change, description change, pre-requisite or co-requisite change, credit hour change
 - l. NS492 Community Health Nursing – title change, description change, pre-requisite or co-requisite change, credit hour change
 - m. NS497 Intro to Critical Care Nursing - title change, description change, pre-requisite or co-requisite change, credit hour change
 - n. NS499 NCLEX Prep – title change, description change, pre-requisite and co-requisite change
 - o. NC497 Intro Critical Care Nurs Clin – course termination
 - p. NC498 Nursing Practicum Clinical – course termination
 - q. NC492 Community Health Clinical – course termination
 - r. NS489 Nursing of the Elderly – course termination
 - s. NS498 Nursing Practicum – course termination
 - t. NC388 Maternal-Newborn Clinical – course termination
 - u. NC488 Pediatric Clinical – course termination
 - v. NS372 Nursing Assessment – course termination
 - w. NC491 Transactions Clinical – course termination
 - x. NC489 Nursing of Elderly Clinical – course termination
 - y. NC487 Adult Health II Clinical – course termination
 - z. NC389 Mental Health Clinical – course termination
 - aa. NC387 Adult Health I Clinical – course termination
 - bb. NC372 Assessment Clinical – course termination
 - cc. NC371 Fundamentals Clinical – course termination
- C. College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
- 1. Agriculture
 - a. AG633 Agricultural and Food Policy – title change, description change, course details
 - 2. Biological and Environmental Sciences
 - a. BY648 Conservation Medicine – new course
 - b. BY448 Conservation Medicine – new course
 - 3. Engineering & Technology
 - a. ET384 UAS Law, Policy and Safety – title change, description change, course details
 - b. ET381 Fund of Aviation in UAS – title change, description, course details

- c. IM311 Statistical Process Control – title change, pre-requisite change, course details
 - d. TN255 Micro Maint & Troubl – title change, description change, pre-requisite change, course details
 - e. IM570 Project Economic Analysis – new course
 - D. Holland College of Arts & Media
 - 1. Theatre & Dance
 - a. TH800 Summer Theatre & Dance Wrkshp – course termination
 - 2. Art & Design
 - a. AH411 Historiography & Rsrch in Art – credit hours
 - E. College of Humanities & Social Sciences
 - 1. History & Anthropology
 - a. WH408 The World of Alexander the Great – new course
 - b. GH680 Practicum Teach Hist – credit hours
 - c. US540 Place and Placemaking – new course
 - d. OS340 Place and Placemaking – new course
 - e. GH605 Capstone Experience – new course
 - F. Harrison College of Business & Computing
 - 1. Management
 - a. BA640 Integrative Manage – title change, description
 - b. BA620 Quant & Qual Res – title change, description change

IV. Discussion Items

- o International Baccalaureate -
 - A. Discussion centered on required changes due to the new state law effective August 2025. The law does not specify which IB exam must be accepted, and currently credit is being granted for both options. The committee discussed whether to award credit for a score of 4 or to align credit with a different course; Higher Level (HL) exams are most common. It was confirmed that the changes would not affect international students, though there may be potential recruitment implications. Chrissy will follow up with Sally Carter for clarification. Academic departments will review the matter and bring recommendations back to the next meeting.
- o Missouri Constitution requirement
 - A. The committee discussed concerns that the Missouri Constitution requirement is not currently listed, despite being advised that it is required. Members agreed to revisit the legislation to ensure institutional compliance. The issue may have surfaced during the general education review. There is a need for consistency across programs, and some courses may require modification. Adam and Laura will be consulted, and the related exams will be reviewed. Chrissy and Eric will develop a proposal, with the goal of presenting it at the next meeting.
- o Changes to course numbers
 - A. Course number changes must be processed by submitting a new course with the updated number and a separate deletion for the original course. Standalone or minimal change submissions for course number updates are no longer permitted.
- o There is no word or character limit for course descriptions in new management software, Modern Campus.
- o Plus/minus grades introduction is postponed until further notice due to other major changes and restructuring.

- o Question regarding Department vs. School definition.
- o Question regarding bulletin wording for Baccalaureate requirement minimum of 120 hrs to now be 90 hrs. Amy Baker recovered past minutes from April 1, 2025 Academic Council in which the language was voted to be adopted and provided it to the Registrar.
- o Dickson motioned to adjourn.

All program and course details are available in Smartsheet, eliminating the need to access the Academic Council SharePoint folders and simplifying the review process. If a folder or file is inaccessible, please request access, or contact Amy in the Office of the Provost.
