



University Academic Council

MINUTES

NOVEMBER 2, 2025

3:00 – 5:00 PM

Date approved: 12/02/2025

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

Guest: William Bratberg

I. MINUTES

Motion by Odegard, second by Weller-Stilson, to approve the distributed minutes from Oct 7, 2025, University Academic Council Meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Action Items

- New Program: none
- Addition of Minor: none
- Other (Revisions and Deletions):
 - A. Education, Health and Human Studies
 - 1. Leadership, Middle & Secondary Education
 - a. Program change: MA Secondary Education
 - Course change, program name change

Odegard moved, and Sharpe seconded, to consider and approve the proposed course and program name changes for the MA in Secondary Education. William Bratberg explained that the current program name incorrectly suggests that it is limited to secondary education majors. The new name is intended to be more accurate, less confusing, and more discoverable to prospective students. He also noted that although some course changes are being made, the program will remain a 30-credit-hour program, with a new course added to the core curriculum to bring the core total to 18 credit hours. Discussion ensued. Department will provide prefix list to registrar. Motion was approved unanimously.

III. Information Items

- 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. College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

1. Biological & Environmental Sciences

- a. EV671 Topics: Env Science – Credit hours or schedule type, course details
- b. EV683 Environmental Science Internation – Course termination
- c. EV682 Environment Science Intern – Course termination
- d. EV672 Topics: Env Science – Title change, description change, credit hours or schedule type, course details
- e. EV472 Topics: Env Science - Title change, description change, credit hours or schedule type, course details
- f. EV699 Thesis – Credit hours or schedule type
- g. EV482 Internship: Env Science – Course termination
- h. EV483 Internship Env Science – Course termination
- i. EV692 Environmental Science Research – Course termination
- j. EV693 Environmental Science Research – Course termination
- k. EV481 Internship: Env Science – Credit hours or schedule type
- l. EV681 Environmental Science Item – Credit hours or schedule type
- m. EV492 Research: Env Sci – Course termination
- n. EV493 Research:env Sci – Course termination
- o. EV691 Environmental Science Research – Credit hours or schedule type
- p. EV491 Research: Env Sci – Credit hours or schedule type
- q. EV697 Thesis – Course termination
- r. EV698 Thesis – Course termination
- s. EV675 Readings: Env Science – Credit hours or schedule type
- t. EV674 Readings in Environ Science – Course termination
- u. EV475 Readings: Env Science - Credit Hours or Schedule Type
- v. EV673 Topics: Env Science – Course termination
- w. EV473 Topics: Env Science – Course termination
- x. EV471 Topics in Environmental Science – Credit hours or schedule type, course details

B. Harrison College of Business and Computing

1. Computer Science

- a. CS567 Software Supply Chain – New course
- b. CS566 Software Analysis & Testing – New course
 - Request to remove ‘co-requisite’ wording, as course does not offer opportunity for co.

C. Humanities and Social Sciences

1. English

- a. EN010 English Composition Lab – temp to permanent addition
 - Bain-Selbo offered that the course provides a diagnostic approach. Discussion ensued. No objections.

IV. Discussion Items

- LMSE discussion – Reduced Credit Hour Teacher Certification

A. Potential range: 90 to 110 hours

- B. Hodson expressed interest in exploring reduced credit-hour programs, which would align with this initiative.
 - C. Koch asked all departments to consider programs that might be appropriate for reduced credit hours.
 - D. With talk of reduced hours, stated there is likely no way to get around core 42 requirement
- Strategic Plan Task Force
 - A. The task force has been identified.
- Dean searches
 - A. Two dean searches have begun for Harrison College of Business and Computing and the College of Education, Health and Human Services, and search committees have been notified.
 - B. Tammy Randolph and Eric Bain-Selbo will chair the searches.
- Advising Timeline
 - A. Incoming freshman begin advisement in March.
 - B. Any program changes should be submitted as soon as possible to ensure they enter the approval pipeline in time.

Adjournment

- Dickson moved to adjourn; Sarah Shaner seconded.

Going forward, all program and course details will be available in Smartsheet, eliminating the need to access the Academic Council SharePoint folders and simplifying the review process.

Next Meeting – Tuesday, December 2, 2025

Agenda Items Due – Tuesday, November 18, 2025, via Workflow