

DECEMBER 3, 2024

Date approved: 02/04/2025

Present: Mel Odegard, Tammy Randolph, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Sandy Hinkle, Shawn Guiling, Chris Haug, Karlee Ensor (SGA Representative), Hayley Love, Alberto Dávila, Sarah Shaner, Joe Pujol, Quantella Noto, Eric Bain-Selb, Christopher Baldwin,

Absent: Doug Koch

Guests: Mario Guimaraes, Suhair Amer, Nick Kenney, David Yaskewich, Brian Donavant, Tim Judd, Yvonne Randolph

I. [MINUTES:](#)

Motion by Weller-Stilson, second by Pujol, to approve the distributed minutes from November 5, 2024, University Academic Council Meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Action Items:

- New Programs:
 - Harrison College of Business and Computing
 - Computer Science
 - a. New Degree: [BS in Game Development](#)

Motion by Weller-Stilson, second by Pujol, to consider and approve the addition of the BS in Game Development. Suhair Amer described the justification for the new program and changes to the curriculum since the last Academic Council meeting based on challenges to a new course in 10-day review. Motion was approved unanimously.

- Addition of Minor: none
- Other (Revisions and Deletions):
 - Harrison College of Business and Computing
 - Accounting, Economics, and Finance
 - a. Program Change: [BS in Economics](#)
 - Course changes

Motion by Dávila, second by Bain-Selbo, to consider and approve the revision of the BS in Economics. Dave Yaskewich described the justification for the revision. Motion was approved unanimously.

- College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Sociology

- a. Program Change: [BS in Criminal Justice](#)

- Course changes
 - Reduce degree from 120 credit hours to 90 credit hours

Motion by Bain-Selbo, second by Love, to consider and approve the revision of the BS in Criminal Justices. Brian Donavant described the justification for the revision and changes to the credit hours. The reduction in hours will benefit the students as it will reduce costs. There will be no elective hours or minor requirements. There was discussion of the state requirements for 90-hour degrees and concern that our institutional policy will not allow the change to 90 hours currently. Hinkle said the institutional policy requires a minimum of 120 credit hours. The timeline for changing from 90 to 120 is unclear. Guiling was concerned that other departments would lose majors if a shorter degree is available or feel that it was unfair to them.

Randolph moved to table the motion and was seconded by Pujol. Further discussion to see if a friendly amendment could be made. The motion was tabled.

- b. Program Change: [Certificate in Law Enforcement](#)

- Course changes

Motion by Bain-Selbo, second by Pujol, to consider and approve the revision of the Certificate in Law Enforcement. Brian Donavant described the justification for the revision. Discussion followed. Motion was approved unanimously.

- c. Program Change: [Minor in Criminology & Criminal Justice](#)

- Title change from Minor in Criminology
 - Course changes

Motion by Bain-Selbo, second by Love, to consider and approve the revision and title change for the Minor in Criminology & Criminal Justice. Brian Donavant described the justification for the revisions. Discussion followed. Motion was approved unanimously.

- d. Program Deletion: [Minor in Criminal Justice](#)

- Termination

Motion by Bain-Selbo, second by Weller-Stilson, to consider and approve the deletion of the Minor in Criminal Justice. Brian Donavant described the justification for the termination. Discussion followed. Motion was approved unanimously.

- College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics

- Biology

- a. Program Change: [Minor in Environmental Science](#)

- Course changes

Motion by Randolph, second by Love, to consider and approve the revision of the Minor in Environmental Science. Tim Judd described the scope and justification for the revision. Discussion followed. Motion was approved unanimously.

I. Information Items:

- College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
 - Biology
 - Program Change: [BS in Geographic Information Science](#)
 - a. Minimal course changes
 - Program Change: [Minor in Geographic Information Science](#)
 - a. Minimal course changes
- Holland College of Arts and Media
 - Music
 - Program Change: [BA in Music](#)
 - a. Minimal course changes
- College of Education, Health, &, and Human Services
 - Leadership, Middle, and Secondary Education
 - Revised Program: [MAT](#)
 - a. New accelerated track
- Harrison College of Business and Computing
 - Management
 - Revised Program: [MBA in Health Administration](#)
 - a. Minimal course changes
- [Proposed New Courses, Significant Course Revisions 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)
 - Harrison College of Business and Computing
 - Accounting, Economics, and Finance
 - a. EC351 Econometrics – Title change
 - b. EC452 Econometrics I – Course deletion
 - c. FI550 Financial Modeling – New course
 - College of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics
 - Biology
 - a. BI449 Vulnerability Risk Reduction – Course deletion
 - b. BI841 Projects Wet – Course deletion
 - c. BI656 Fundamental Risk Communication in Emergency Management – Course deletion
 - d. BI654 Risk Assessment Applications – Course deletion
 - e. BI647 Fundamentals of Disaster/Emergency Management and Planning – Course deletion
 - College of Humanities and Social Sciences
 - History and Anthropology
 - a. AN339 Cold Case Anthropology – New course
 - Communication Studies and Modern Languages

- a. SN303 Study Abroad: Spanish Composition – New course
 - b. SN304 Study Abroad: Spanish Conversation – New course
 - c. SN307 Study Abroad: Civilization of Spain – New course
 - d. SN331 Study Abroad: Spanish Grammar – New course
- Criminal Justice, Social Work, and Sociology
 - a. SO360 Criminology – Title change
 - b. SO444 Deviant Behavior and Social Control – Title change
 - c. SO471 Directed Research – Title change
 - d. CJ240 Principles of Law Enforcement – Title change
 - e. CJ250 Corrections – Title change
 - f. CJ410 Police Administration – Title change
 - g. CJ435 Special Topics – Title change
 - h. CJ471 Directed Research – Title change
 - i. CJ480 Travel Study – New course
 - j. CJ495 Law Enforcement Professional Practice – New course
 - k. CJ499 Senior Seminar – Title change
 - l. LE199 Law Enforcement I – Course deletion
 - m. LE299 Law Enforcement II – Course deletion
 - n. LE399 Law Enforcement III – Course deletion
 - o. LE499 Law Enforcement IV – Course deletion
 - p. SO300 Organize & White Collar Crime – Course deletion
 - q. CJ115 Intro to Criminal Courts – Course deletion
 - r. CJ222 Gangs in America – Course deletion
 - s. CJ235 Police Operations – Course deletion
 - t. CJ355 Const Rights-Inmates – Course deletion
 - u. CJ430 Policing in an Information Age – Course deletion
- Holland College of Arts and Media
 - Music
 - a. MM310 Music Creation Technology I – New course
 - b. MM410 Music Creation Technology II – New course
 - Art and Design
 - a. AR679 Independent Study in Art – Course deletion
 - b. AR841 Raku Pottery Wkshop – Course deletion
 - c. AR847 Paper, Book & Fibers Workshop – Course deletion

II. Discussion Items

- [New program proposal checklist](#)
 - People will share the drafts with chairs and departments and get feedback
 - Deans will also discuss at Deans' Council and there will be further discussion at Academic Council
- New Course Proposal workflow is now live in Southeast Workflows
- There will be an email to faculty about final grading opening Friday at 5pm, closing the 16th at 9pm.
- There was a request for graduation instructions for new faculty.

Meeting adjourned.