



University Academic Council

Tuesday, March 3, 2026

3:00 – 5:00 PM

UC REDHAWKS ROOM

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

Absent: Karl Suhr, Lucas Skidmore

Guest: Tonya Wells, Brian Donavant, Nicholas Kenney, Jeremy Griffin, Tom Blattel, Jessica Edwards

I. Minutes

Motioned by Weller-Stilson, seconded by Randolph, to approve the distributed minutes from February 3, 2026, University Academic Council meeting. Motion was approved unanimously.

II. Action Items

o New Program:

- Holland College of Arts and Media

1. Art & Design

- a. New Program: [Graphic Design](#)

Motioned by Weller-Stilson; seconded by Haug. The council reviewed a proposal to separate Graphic Design from the BFA Studio program to better align with industry practices, accreditation expectations, and recruitment efforts. Courses have been renamed and renumbered; however, only three courses are new, with most existing coursework reorganized. The change provides earlier hands-on experience and increases program visibility. The proposal aligns with NASAD standards and requires no new faculty or resources. Course caps will increase to 20 students (from 17–18). Zero-credit advising courses only meet twice per semester. Passed unanimously.

- College of Humanities & Social Sciences

1. Criminal Justice, Social Work, & Sociology

- a. New Certificate: [Social Data Analytics Undergraduate Certificate](#)

Motioned by Bain-Selbo; seconded by Sharpe. A proposal was presented to establish a certificate designed to support accreditation and assessment processes for constituent groups. The certificate would include two courses—Statistics and Research Methods—and add a 550-level course. The program is intended to encourage students who complete the undergraduate certificate to continue into the graduate-level credential and could provide advantages across multiple disciplines.

A question was also raised regarding whether students who earn the undergraduate certificate could subsequently earn the graduate certificate given the shared course requirement. Donavant will follow up with clarification.

Concerns were raised that the Math Department had not been consulted to determine whether the proposed coursework duplicates existing offerings. Due to the potential overlap and the preference to avoid cross-listing, Randolph motioned to table the certificate; Weller-Stilson seconded. Passed unanimously.

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b. New Certificate: [Social Data Analytics Graduate Certificate](#)

Concerns were raised that the Math Department had not been consulted to determine whether the proposed coursework duplicates existing offerings. Due to the potential overlap and the preference to avoid cross-listing, Randolph motioned to table the certificate; Weller-Stilson seconded. Passed unanimously.

- College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
 1. Agriculture
 - a. New Program: [Agriculture - BS](#)

Motioned by Randolph; seconded by Dickson.

A proposal was presented to establish a BS in Agriculture as a continuation of the restructuring of the former BS in Agricultural Business program, from which Animal Science was previously separated. The revised program shifts from a business-focused core to a more general agriculture core, allowing flexibility for students who do or do not want a strong business emphasis. Twenty-three hours of the core remain the same. The restructuring responds to prior criticism of the previous degree structure and is intended to strengthen the program.

Current students will be able to complete their existing program but may be encouraged to switch catalogs on a case-by-case basis.

- o Addition of Minor
- o Other (Revisions and Deletions):
 - Harrison College of Business & Computing
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 - a. Minimal Program Change: [BSBA Support Courses](#)

Motioned by Dickson; seconded by Weller-Stilson. Unanimously approved. In the future, minimal program changes will be bundled into one motion.

2. Management
 - a. Program Change: [International Business Minor](#)

Motioned by Dickson; seconded by Weller-Stilson. A proposal was presented to increase program accessibility by reducing required credit hours, moving courses with significant prerequisites to electives, and removing the study abroad requirement. Approved unanimously.

3. Accounting, Economics, & Finance
 - a. Minimal Program Change: [Finance - BSBA](#)

Motioned by Dickson; seconded by Weller-Stilson. One additional course has been added in the elective block. Passed unanimously. In the future, minimal program change will be bundled in one motion.

- College of Education, Health, & Human Sciences
 1. Allied Health, Kinesiology & Sport Sciences
 - a. Program Change: [BS in Health Sciences](#)

Motioned by Schneider, seconded by Odegard. A proposal was presented to revise the BS in Health Sciences to create a more focused curriculum. The program will be reduced to 98 credit hours, removing several lower-level courses that had previously been used to meet hour requirements and replacing them with opportunities for more upper-division coursework. The revision is intended to give students greater flexibility to tailor the program to their career goals while strengthening the academic focus.

Two new courses will replace HL 235 and HL 255. HL 120 will remain unchanged as a general education course, and HL 320 will continue to be offered online in multiple sections. A related certificate program—primarily intended for students pursuing physical therapy pathways—is being developed; discussion of the certificate name was tabled.

Schneider will provide an updated MDHEWD form, a friendly amendment, which will be returned through the workflow process. 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)
 - College of Humanities & Social Sciences
 - 1. Criminal Justice, Social Work & Sociology
 - a. SO460 Work and Family Life – Course Termination
 - b. SO385 Family Violence – Course Termination
 - c. SO375 Collective Behavior – Course Termination
 - d. SO321 Urban Sociology – Course Termination
 - e. CJ550 Social Analytics – New Course
 - f. SO550 Social Analytics – New Course
 - g. SO470 Invisible Families – Course Termination
 - Holland College of Arts & Media
 - 1. Art & Design
 - a. AR485 Topics in Interactive Design – Course Termination
 - b. AR480 3D Prod for Interactive Media – Course Termination
 - c. AR337 Interactive Design – Course Termination
 - d. AR416 Visual Branding Sign – Course Termination
 - e. AT409 Illustration – Course Termination
 - f. AR407 Deisgn for Social Good – Course Termination
 - g. GD366 UX/UI Design – New Course
 - h. GD355 Web Design – New Course
 - i. AR327 Wed Design – Course Termination
 - j. AR381 UX/UI Design – Course Termination
 - k. AR322- Typography – Course Termination
 - l. AR319- Intro Graphic Design– Course Termination
 - m. GD499 - Graphic Design Showcase – New Course
 - n. GD411- Identity Design – New Course
 - o. GD444 - AR/MR for Design and Media – New Course
 - p. GD322- Introduction to Typography – New Course
 - q. GD344 - 3D Production for Design and Media – New Course
 - r. GD311- Design Thinking and Writing – New Course

- s. GD233- Illustration for Design – New Course
- t. GD003 - Graphic Design Review III – New Course
- u. GD001 - Graphic Design Review I – New Course
- v. AR204 Color and Design Systems – New Course
- w. AR202 Drawing II – Title Change, Description Change, Course Details
- x. AR106 3-D Design – Title Change, Description Change, Course Details
- y. AR100 Drawing I - Title Change, Description Change, Course Details
- z. AR417 Typography II – Course Termination
- aa. GD455 Special Topics in Graphic Design – New Course
- bb. GD377 Graphic Design Internship – New Course
- cc. GD422 Advanced Typography – New Course
- dd. GD433 Packaging Systems and Design – New Course
- ee. GD222 Introduction to Graphic Design – New Course
- ff. GD333 AI as a Tool for Design and Media – New Course
- gg. GD002 Graphic Design Review – New Course
- College of Education, Health & Human Studies
 - 1. Allied Health, Kinesiology & Sport Sciences
 - a. HL550 Exercise Prog for Special Pops – Title Change, Description Change, Course Details
 - b. FN344 Nutrition for Health Care Professionals – New Course
 - c. TS310 Interprofessional Strategies in Healthcare – New Course
 - d. TS401 Culturally Responsive Hlthcare – Title Change, Description Change
- College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics
 - 1. Engineering & Technology
 - a. EP385 Electric Power – New Course
 - b. EP334 Programmable Logic Controller Design
 - 2. Agriculture
 - a. AG433 Agri & Food Policy – Title Change, Description Change, Course Details
 - b. AG520 Agriculture Connections and Organizational Behavior – New Course
 - c. AG551 Water Management - Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite or Co-requisite Change, Course Details
 - d. AO440 Agroecosystems Analysis Field – Title change, Pre-requisite or Co-requisite Change, Course Details
 - e. AO415 Crop Systems Management – Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite or Co-requisite Change
 - f. AO244 Plant Genetics and Crop Improvement – New Course
 - g. AO280 Crop Production – New Course
 - h. AO322 Weed Science – Title Change, Description Change, Course Details
 - i. AG608 Liability & Agribusiness Risk – Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite or Co-requisite Change, Course Details
 - j. AG647 Agribusiness Marketing – Title Change, Description Change, Course Details
 - k. AG680 Research Methods in Agriculture – New Course
 - l. AO321 Cotton-Rice Culture – Title Change, Course Details

IV. Discussion Items

- o PS220 requirement MO Constitution
 - PS220 will still be required for students transferring from out of state. If students take clep or ap exam and are MO residents, they are not required to take PS220
- o VP-EMSS wants to move up registration for both spring and fall. He would also like students to enroll for spring and summer during spring enrollment.
 - Winter term will receive schedules April 13
 - All modifications submitted by August 3
 - Goes live on portal August 7
 - Discussion ensued surrounding date changes for enrollment. Council asked who makes this final decision.
 - Concerns: timeline is not realistic concerning internships. Transfer students could have few options. Council will share out dates with departments and we will have a discussion at next academic council. This could also be a good chair's forum topic.
- o Extraordinary review and academic restructuring
 - Additional meetings on March 16 and April 28. Explain submission process, Amy.
- o Timeline for restructuring
 - Changes have to play out through the approval process. Most changes will require individualized implementation plans, and could include a timeline up to 3 or 4 years.
- o Language describing the 42-hour general education program has been revised to align with Missouri legislative requirements regarding the Missouri Constitution and civic requirements. PS 220 is required for out-of-state transfer students; Missouri residents who meet the requirement through AP or CLEP will not need to take the course.
- o Updates to International Baccalaureate credit policies are under review, with scoring aligned to practices at peer institutions.
- o Proposed changes to registration timelines include moving spring and fall registration earlier and allowing students to register for spring and summer at the same time.
 - Winter session/Spring/Summer 2027
 - Registrar to send schedules to chairs for review = April 13
 - All schedule additions/modifications completed by departments = August 3
 - Schedule viewable in portal = September 7
 - Advising = September 7 - January 19
 - Priority Registration begins = October 12
 - Fall 2027
 - Registrar to send schedules to chairs for review = November 2
 - All schedule additions/modifications completed by departments = December 18
 - Schedule viewable in portal = February 1
 - Advising = February 1 - August 24
 - Priority Registration begins = March 8
 - Concerns were raised about feasibility, particularly regarding internships, transfer students, and financial aid requirements (CPOS). Departments will review the proposed dates and continue discussion at the next Academic Council meeting; the topic may also be brought to a Chair's Forum.
- o Provost Office

- Council members will vote on the Academic Restructuring proposal via electronic ballot, which will be emailed with a link to restructuring information and recommendations from departments, colleges, and deans. Ballots are due March 15 at 11:59 pm and council will meet on March 16 to discuss collated recommendations and formulate a response.
- Council members will give input regarding the Extraordinary Program Review via electronic ballot, which will be emailed with a link to program information. Ballots are due either March 24 or 26, to be decided and communicated soon.
- An additional informational meeting is scheduled for April 28 to move changes through the approval process.

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.

Upcoming Council Dates

March 16, 2026, UC Ballroom B, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m.- Academic Restructuring Input

April 7, 2026, UC Redhawks Room, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Regular Academic Council

April 28, 2026, UC Redhawks Room, 2:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Extra meeting to process approvals

May 5, 2026, UC Redhawks Room, 3:00 – 5:00 p.m. - Regular Academic Council