



University Academic Council

Tuesday, April 7, 2026

3:00 – 5:00 PM

UC REDHAWKS ROOM

MINUTES

Present Tom Blattel, Paul Sharpe, Quantella Noto, Lucas Skidmore, Tammy Randolph, Kyle Schneider, Rhonda Weller-Stilson, Chris Haug, Shawn Guiling, Amanda Eller, Christopher Baldwin, Eric Bain-Selbo, Brian Donavant, Sarah Shaner, Tonya Wells, Mel Odegard, Chrissy Rutledge, Kevin Dickson,

Absent Karl Suhr

Guests Moutusi Maity, Sarah Kuborn, Sarah Garner, Susan Fulton, Hasan Birinci, Leslie Pace, Phil Crawford, Shannon Clapsaddle, Samantha Siemers

I. MINUTES

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. College of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics; College of Education Health & Human Sciences

1. Chemistry & Physics; Leadership, Middle, & Secondary Education

a. New Program: [BS in Education: General Science Education](#)

Randolph moved, Odegard seconded. Crawford appeared for questions and discussion. Addresses low enrollment in specialized science education tracks. Prepares more versatile science teachers (chemistry, biology, environmental science, astronomy, etc.). Approved by DESE; aligns with emerging certification pathways. Motion passed unanimously.

B. Harrison College of Business & Computing

1. Marketing

a. New Certificate: [Consumer Insights and Applications Certificate](#)

b. New Certificate: [Digital and Social Media Marketing Certificate](#)

c. New Certificate: [Fashion Marketing Certificate](#)

d. New Certificate: [Professional Selling Skills Certificate](#)

Schneider moved to combine all certificates into one vote, seconded by Sharpe. Dickson defended. Schneider moved to approve all certificates, Sharpe seconded. Targets post-

baccalaureate/professional learners. 12-hour certificates (most) allow one-semester completion. Fully online; courses offered annually. 30-hour prerequisite (override possible). Motion passed unanimously.

- o Addition of Minor:
 - A. College of Education, Health & Human Sciences
 - 1. Elementary, Early, & Special Education
 - a. New Minor: [Special Education Minor](#)

Odegard moved, Sharpe seconded. Minor supplements several programs and responds to student demand. Supports multiple majors (e.g., psychology, communication disorders, family studies). Motion passed unanimously.

- o Other (Revisions and Deletions):
 - A. Harrison College of Business & Computing
 - 1. Management
 - a. Program Change: [Hospitality Management BS](#)

Dickson moved; Sharpe seconded. Noto and Birinci were present for questions and discussion. Key changes include reduced hours from 120 credit program down to 105 with a 12-credit internship option. Enables 3-yr completion, plus an internship. Revenue loss offset by approximately 2 additional students per year. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Marketing; Account, Economics & Finance
 - a. Minimal Program Change: [Business Administration BSBA](#)

Dickson moved, Odegard seconded. Addition of 3 courses. Motion passed unanimously.

- B. College of Education, Health & Human Studies
 - 1. Communication Disorders
 - a. Minimal Program Change: [Communication Disorders \(MA\)](#)

Odegard moved, Dickson seconded. Susan Fulton was present for questions and discussion. Reduction in credit hours for one course, small changes to others. Motion passed unanimously.

- 2. Child & Family Studies
 - a. Program Change, Program Name Change, Reduced Credit Hour Change, CIP Change: [Child & Family Studies BS](#)

Odegard moved, Sharpe seconded. Kuborn was present for questions and discussion. Aligning with clear pathways, using existing curriculum. Name change is to standardize with other programs. Core will be 49 credit hours with options requiring 103-107 hours. Programs still offered online and in person. Motion passed unanimously.

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

Odegard moved, Sharpe seconded. Course will stay in DESE metrics. Dropped 11 hours not required and reduced to 31 credit hours. Reduction in number of days of student teaching by 10 days. Changes allows degree to be earned in 3 years or less with summer courses taken. Concerns raised of this program requiring less than 42 credit hours. Requires bulletin updates before approval. Bain-Selbo moved to table, Haug seconded. Approved to table. One abstained.

- c. Department Name Change: [Department of Child & Family Studies](#)

Odegard moved, Sharpe seconded. The change is aligning with many other institutions, making it more marketable. Motion passed unanimously.

- 3. Leadership, Middle, & Secondary Education
 - a. Program Change: [Middle School Education BSE](#)

Odegard motioned to approve. Sharpe seconded. Odegard motioned to table. Sharpe seconded.

- C. College of Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics
 - 1. Agriculture
 - a. Program Change: [Agribusiness MS](#)

Randolph moved to approve; Sharpe seconded. Program launched in Fall 23 and these adjustments allow more option areas for students. Motion passed unanimously.

- D. College of Humanities & Social Sciences
 - 1. Communication Studies & Modern Languages
 - a. Program Change: [Communication BA](#)
 - b. Program Deletion: [Organizational Communication BS](#)

Bain-Selbo motioned to bundle two changes and approve, seconded by Sharpe. These changes are in response to Extraordinary Review. Among numerous changes, reduction in hours down to 93. Internship hours total three. MG301 title needs to be corrected. Friendly amendments to be made. Pace will send corrections by email to Amy and Tom. Motion passed unanimously.

- E. Holland College of Arts & Media
 - 1. Mass Media
 - a. Certificate Name Change: [Media for Managers Certificate](#)

Weller-Stilson moved; Noto seconded. Title is simply not easy to find. Title change will result in better SEO. Motion passed unanimously.

- o Tabled
 - A. College of Humanities & Social Sciences
 - 1. Criminal Justice, Social Work & Sociology
 - a. New Certificate: [Social Data Analytics Certificate Undergrad](#)
 - b. New Certificate: [Social Data Analytics Certificate Graduate](#)

Bain-Selbo moved to untable and approve; Schneider seconded. Donavant presented response from Math department giving full confidence in the qualifications of instructors. Motion passed unanimously.

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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. College of Education, Health & Human Studies
 - 1. Communication Disorders
 - a. CD617 Assessment of Pediatric Language, Cognitive, and Social Communication Disorders – New Course
 - b. CD618 Interventions for Treating Pediatric Language, Cognitive, and Social Communication Disorders – New Course
 - 2. Elementary, Early & Special Education
 - a. CE605 Issues and Trends Er C – Course Termination
 - b. CE610 Curr/Methd/Mgmt in Early Childh – Course Termination
 - 3. Leadership, Middle & Secondary Education
 - a. SE551 Field Experience – Title Change
 - b. SE552 Pedagogy II: Middle School
 - c. SE570 Middle and Secondary Student Teaching Internship
 - 4. Child & Family Studies
 - a. HF101 Introduction to HDFS – New Course
 - b. CF215 Observ: Precept & Proess – Title Change, Prefix Change, Description Change
 - c. HF413 Family Life Education – New Course
 - d. HF350 Translating Research into Practice – New Course
 - e. HF309 Contemporary Applications of Family Theories – New Course
 - f. CF306 History & Theory of Child Dev – Title Change, Prefix Change, Description Change
 - g. CF207 Gerontolgy Prac I – Course Termination
 - h. CF340 Family Policy Law & Advocacy – Title Change, Prefix Change
 - i. HF424 The Child Life Professional – New Course
 - j. CF310 School Age Child Care – Title Change, Prefix Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite Change, Credit Hours, Course Details
 - k. CF410 Culture, Ethnicity & The Child – Title Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite Change
 - l. CF405 Family Life Ed Practicum – Course Termination

- m. CF415 Legal Risks & Admin Dec Making – Title Change, Prefix Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite Change
- n. CF420 Admin Leadership and Advocacy – Course Termination
- o. CF315 Admin of Prog Child & Youth – Termination
- p. CF565 Family Service Intern – Course Termination
- q. CF385 Stress, Violence, Trauma & Fam – Course Termination
- r. CF285 Lrng Thry/Appl: Infant/Toddler - Course Termination
- s. CF200 Const Guidance & Discipline – Course Termination
- t. CF206 Adult Development and Aging – Course Termination
- u. CF280 Lrng Thry/Appl: Preschool – Course Termination
- v. CF495 Interagency Collaboration – Course Termination
- w. CF209 Intro to Family Theories – Course Termination
- x. CF360 Family Life Education – Course Termination
- y. CF475 Action Research for Practition – Course Termination
- z. CF480 Child Dev Career Internship – Title Change, Prefix Change, Description Change, Pre-requisite and Co-requisite Change, Credit Hours or Schedule Type
- aa. HF240 Adult Development & Aging – New Course
- bb. HF235 Guiding Young Children – New Course
- cc. CF520 Professional Ethics & Practice – Course Termination
- dd. CF485 Mentor & Coach Across Contexts – Course Termination
- ee. HF266 Living Playfully Across the Lifespan – New Course
- ff. HF460 Professional Practice & Ethics in HDFS – New Course
- gg. HF390 Preschool Field Experience – New Course
- hh. HF385 Infant & Toddler Field Experience – New Course
- ii. HF450 Mentoring & Coaching Across Contexts – New Course

B. College of Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics

1. Mathematics

- a. MA555 Applied Stats in Agribusiness – Temp to Perm Addition

C. Harrison College of Business & Computing

1. Hospitality Management

- a. HM325 Hospitality Law – Title Change
- b. HM473 Internship in Hospitality Mgmt – Pre-requisite Change, Credit Hours

IV. Discussion Items

- o Recognition of Criminal Justice 90-hour program approval and implications for other programs
- o Anticipated similar proposals (Health Sciences, Professional Studies)
- o Creation of Microsoft Teams space for Academic Council pre-meeting discussion and collaboration

V. Adjournment

- o Odegard moved to adjourn, Sharpe seconded.