Council on Academic Affairs
Minutes
October 22, 2026

The October 22, 2026, meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs was held at 2:00 pm in Booth Library Witters Conference Room.

Members Present: Mr. Shiloh Frederick, Dr. Marita Gronnvoll, Dr. Sham'ah Md.-Yunus, Dr. Aura Jirau Aarroyo, Dr. Aimee Janssen-Robinson, Dr. Stefan Eckert, Dr. Reachsak Ly and Dr. Sace Elder

Members Absent: Dr. Andrew Parrish, Ms. Juanita Cross

Staff Present: Ms. Patty Watson and Dr. Holly Farley

Guests Present: Mr. Brad Bennington, and Matt Gill

The meeting was called to order by Vice Chair Janssen-Robinson at 2:00 pm.

I. Approval of the October 1, 2026 CAA Meeting Minutes.
Eckert moved and Elder seconded the motion to approve the minutes as amended.

II. Communications:

a. College Curriculum and General Education Committee Minutes:
September 18-23, 2026 asynchronous meeting of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum committee.

b. Executive Actions:
1. October 8, 2026 memorandum from Dean Mitchell, college of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to delete GEO 2420, GEO 3340 and GEO 3700 from the course catalog.
2. October 8, 2026 memorandum from Dean Mitchell, college of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to delete listed special topics and internship courses from the GEO Earth Science program in the course catalog.

c. Waiver reports:
None

d. Grade Appeals:
None

e. Committee Reports:
None

III. Items to be added to the agenda:
None

IV. Items to be Acted Upon:
None

V. Discussion Items:

1. Discussion on IGP 45 – Discussion ensued with the consensus being no need to change the IGP, two representatives from each of the three colleges.
2. Discussion on Artificial Intelligence classroom policy debate. Student Government presented a resolution that they do not want AI. President Gatrell explained academic freedom to them. Gronnvoll reported President Gatrell intends to put together a task force from many of the committees on campus to create a value statement. Discussion ensued voicing pros and cons of AI.
3. Course proposal revised by CGS. CGS changed the course proposal that CAA had presented to them drastically and also added some things they need. Everyone is encouraged to review this and be prepared to give feedback at a future meeting.

VI. Other:

None

VII. Pending/Tabled:

None

VIII. Meeting Adjournment:

Elder moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:53 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Patty Watson