Council on Academic Affairs
Minutes
October 29, 2026

The October 29, 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, Dr. Andrew Parrish, Ms. Juanita Cross and Dr. Sace Elder

Members Absent: None

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

Guests Present: Ms. Morgan Baker and Dr. Amanda Harvey

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gronnvoll at 2:00 pm.

I. Approval of the October 22, 2026 CAA Meeting Minutes.
Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written.

II. Communications:

a. College Curriculum and General Education Committee Minutes:
October 7, 2026 meeting of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum committee.

b. Executive Actions:
1. October 220, 2026 memorandum from Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to delete BUS 3100: Survey of Marketing Principles from the PR minor from the required courses, and replace it with BUS 3470: Principles of Marketing in the electives list. The School of Business was consulted on September 23, 2026. In addition, CMN 3640 Interpersonal Communication will replace CMN 2630: Introduction to Interpersonal Communication in the electives list.
2. October 22, 2026 memorandum from Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to remove SED 3330 as a prerequisite for BIO/PHS 3400 in the course catalog.
3. October 22, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to remove the "Writing Centered" designation from JOU 3950: Special Topics in Journalism.
4. October 22, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to remove the "Writing Intensive" designation from JOU 4750: Independent Study.

c. Waiver reports:
None

d. Grade Appeals:
None

e. CGS/COTE Minutes:
None

f. Committee Reports:
Elder reported the TRS met and course fees were discussed as well as how to make online resources affordable or without additional costs.

g. Misc. communications:
None

III. Items to be added to the agenda:

1. 26-140 Advertising minor (revised program)
2. 26-141 PLS 4954: Organizing for Change: Movements, Coalitions, and Policy (new course)
3. 26-142 PLS 4955: Applied Political Risk analysis (new course)
4. 26-143 PLS 4999: Leadership, Performance, and Ethics in Public and Nonprofit Organizations (new course)
5. 26-144 CAA Bylaws (revised)

IV. Items to be Acted Upon:

1. 26-137 BAAS in Health Practice (revised program) Parrish moved and Jirau Aarroyo seconded the proposal. Dr. Amanda Harvey presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as written.
2. 26-138 BS in Health Administration (revised program) Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Dr. Amanda Harvey presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
3. 26-139 BS in Health Sciences (program elimination) Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Dr. Amanda Harvey presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as written.

V. Discussion Items:

1. A representative from CAA is needed for the new AI taskforce. Jirau Aarroyo volunteered.

VI. Other:
None

VII. Pending/Tabled:
None

VIII. Meeting Adjournment:
Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:19 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Patty Watson