

Undergraduate Council Minutes
September 23, 2025/ 3:30-5 pm Main Building Room 009F

Members present

Kristine Urschel, Chair
Steven Arthur
Arryn Blaine
Shelby Clark
Sarah Cprek
Cory Curl
Dustin Faulstick

Kate Field
Joe Lewis
Alicia Modenbach
Justin Nichols
Mark O'Bryan
Katherine Paullin
Ashley Vowels
Nathan Congleton

Members Absent

Jessica Barfield
Regina Hannemann
John Kirn
Miranda Hines

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 3:33 PM.

2. Approval of agenda (including consent agenda items)

HIS 261 was removed from the consent agenda, the Supply Chain Management Undergraduate Certificate was removed from the discussion agenda, and CPH 490 and 492 were moved from the consent agenda to the discussion agenda prior to the approval of the approval of the agenda.

Motion to approve the amended agenda by Cory Curl; Seconded by Alicia Modenbach; All approved.

3. Approval of September 9 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Steven Arthur; Seconded by Sarah Cprek; All approved.

4. Proposal review

a) Consent Agenda

Blaine, Curl, Paullin

[CHI 301](#)- Change course (major) (Tentative)

Barfield, Nichols, Hannemann

[COF 301](#)- New course (with UK Core)

Paullin, Field, Vowels

[DHN 474](#)- Change course (major)

Nichols, Modenbach, Vowels
EE 567- Change course (major)

Field, Nichols, Cprek
TEK 100- New course

b) Discussion Agenda

Urschel

Bulk approval of MCLLC language courses (AIS 101, AIS 102, AIS 201, AIS 202, CHI 101, CHI 102, CHI 201, CHI 202, FR 101, FR 102, GER 101, GER 102, GRK 101, GRK 102, GRK 201, GRK 202, ITA 101, ITA 102, JPN 101, JPN 102, JPN 201, JPN 202, HJS 101, HJS 102, LAT 101, LAT 102, RUS 101, RUS 102, RUS 201, RUS 202; changing all from 4 credits to 3 credits)- Change course (major)

Rationale: In January 2025, A&S made a request to the Office of the Provost to do a bulk approval by memo of a batch of courses from Modern and Classical Languages, Literatures and Cultures. The same change is being made to all courses: the credit hours are being reduced from 4 down to 3 and all classes will be lecture only (no labs/recitations). Syllabi for all courses were submitted using a common template that contains all required syllabus components. Documentation of approval from both the department and college have been provided. Moving forward, these sorts of bulk requests by memo will not be allowed and must be submitted through Curriculum.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Mark O'Bryan; Seconded by Sarah Cprek; All approved

Faulstick, Cprek, Vowels
BA/BS Criminology- New degree

Rationale: Based on the popularity of our current criminology minor, we expect a major in criminology would be popular both among current students and in recruitment for students considering attending the University of Kentucky (UK). Criminology, often housed within Departments of Sociology as a subfield of sociology, is the scientific study of the non-legal aspects of crime and delinquency, including its causes, correction, and prevention. This new program would help fill a void for in-state students interested in the field who currently have very few regional options to pursue a degree in criminology, none of which are at a research-intensive university with the option for an in-person educational experience.

Additional discussion: Based on the clear narrative from the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, members were confident that this major was clearly distinct from other majors currently available at the University of Kentucky (specifically the Criminal Justice major).

Motion to approve by Dustin Faulstick; Seconded by Ashley Vowels; All approved.

Vowels, Arthur, Clark

[CPH 490](#)- New course

Blaine, O'Bryan, Barfield

[CPH 492](#)- New course

Discussion: There was brief discussion to clarify that the content of these courses is from public health specific content, rather than health promotion to ensure that these are not duplications of courses available elsewhere on campus. These courses are a part of the Rural Public Health Scholars program within the College of Public Health. Following discussion, there were no outstanding concerns.

Motion to approve by Justin Nichols; Seconded by Steven Arthur; All approved.

c) Proposals for general discussion

Cprek

[FIN 450](#)- New course

Discussion: This is a new course proposal that had an unusual course description (multiple paragraphs with bullet points) and two sets of prerequisites. It was clarified with Nathan Congleton that course descriptions are limited to 2000 characters, but are typically much shorter. Additionally, prerequisites must apply to all sections of the course, across all populations of students taking the course (cannot have different prerequisites for majors versus non-majors). It appears as though the proposed course should actually be two separate courses based on the desire to have separate prerequisites and assignments based on whether or not the student is a finance major. If this course is split into two courses, but they are taught together (meet at the same time and place), it will be important that it is stated as either a part of the course descriptions or as a course note that the two courses will meet together to avoid FERPA violations. No vote was taken on this course and the reviewer will reach out to the proposer with requested edits.

5. Old business
6. New business
7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mark O'Bryan; Seconded by Steven Arthur; Meeting adjourned at 4:09 PM.