

Undergraduate Council Minutes
January 27, 2026/ 3:30-5 pm Zoom
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Members present

Kristine Urschel, Chair
Steven Arthur
Jessica Barfield
Arryn Blaine
Shelby Clark
Sarah Cprek
Dustin Faulstick
Kate Field
Regina Hannemann
Kaitlin Key

John Kim
Joe Lewis
Justin Nichols
Mark O'Bryan
Alicia Modenbach
Katherine Paullin
Ashley Vowels
Nathan Congleton
Miranda Hines

Members Absent

Julie Benton
Cory Curl

Guests

Justin Bathon
Neomia Hagans Flores

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome

Meeting called to order at 3:33 PM

2. Approval of agenda (including consent agenda items)

Prior to the approval of the agenda, CLD 475, FIN 450, MA 514 and MA 533 were added to the consent agenda.

Motion to approve by Jack Kim; Seconded by Regina Hannemann; All approved.

3. Approval of January 13, 2026 meeting minutes

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

4. Proposal review

a) Consent Agenda

Nichols, Keys, Paullin

[AEM 589](#)- Change course (major)

O'Bryan, Arthur, Vowels

[BAE 554](#)- New course

Field, Modenbach, Clark

[CHE 510](#)- Change course (major)

Faulstick, Field, Hannemann

[CLD 470](#)- Drop course

Hannemann, Nichols, Paullin

[CLD 475](#)- Drop course

Hannemann, Faulstick, Barfield

[DHN 510](#)- Change course (major)

[DHN 512](#)- Change course (major)

[DHN 517](#)- Change course (major)

Blaine, Arthur, Cprek

[ENG 308](#)- Change course (major)

[ENG 336](#)- Change course (major)

Arthur, Curl, Modenbach

[ENT 310](#)- Drop course

Field, Kirn, Blaine

[ENT 563](#)- Drop course

Cprek, Blaine, O'Bryan

[FIN 450](#)- New course

Kirn, Modenbach, Key

[JOU 314](#)- New course

[JOU 406](#)- New course

Cprek, Blaine, Arthur

[MA 514](#)- Change course (major)

[MA 533](#)- Change course (major)

Field, Cprek, Blaine

[MA 551](#)- Change course (major)

[WRD 430](#)- Change course (major)

Barfield, Curl, Cprek

[NUR 364](#)- Drop course

Kirn, O'Bryan, Clark

[NUR 367](#)- Drop course

b) Discussion Agenda

Barfield, Hannemann, Faulstick

BS Dietetics- Change degree

Rationale: The Department of Dietetics & Human Nutrition is proposing a fully online completter degree for the Bachelor of Science in Dietetics: Option A (Didactic Program in Dietetics). There are no other changes being proposed.

This proposal responds to growing demand within the dietetics field for more flexible, accessible education options. Many prospective students, particularly career changers, working adults, and those in rural areas, are seeking programs that allow them to pursue dietetics credentials. Offering a fully online BS in Dietetics completter degree (only Option A: Didactic Program in Dietetics) will help meet this demand and expand opportunities for individuals who may not be able to participate in a traditional on-campus program. The Department of Dietetics and Human Nutrition has been offering fully online and asynchronous classes for many years and has faculty and staff with the expertise and experience to provide this fully online completter degree. The department currently offers a fully online MS in Nutrition and Food Systems and Undergraduate Certificate in Food Systems and Hunger Studies. Our BS Dietetics programs are accredited by ACEND (Accreditation Council for Education in Nutrition and Dietetics).

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Jessica Barfield; Seconded by Regina Hannemann; All approved.

Blaine, Barfield, Faulstick

BSAER Aerospace Engineering- Change degree

Rationale: To streamline the process and reduce administrative burden, we propose that any course with an AER-prefix or cross-listed as an AER-prefix course that is 300- level or higher and is not otherwise required for the BSAER degree count as a technical elective. This change will eliminate the need for frequent updates to the elective list, ensuring consistency and flexibility for students in selecting their courses. Additionally, we are clarifying which ME-prefix courses can count as technical electives and adding EGR 398 and 399 to the technical elective list. The overall number of courses available to students as technical electives will increase slightly as a result of this change, and the wording will be much more compact and require less frequent updates.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Arryn Blaine; Seconded by Ashley Vowels; All approved.

Arthur, Blaine, Nichols

Transdisciplinary Perspective in Global Health- New certificate

Rationale: This certificate will provide students with a broad foundation in global health and healthcare in preparation for careers that impact human health. The transdisciplinary curriculum will require students to engage with a variety of theoretical frameworks, interact with experts across disciplines, and collaborate and communicate with students from diverse major programs who share the same goal of improving health outcomes. Students will develop the attitudes, skills and knowledge to contribute to addressing global health problems, improving healthcare systems, and addressing health disparities across different contexts.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Steven Arthur; Seconded by Arryn Blaine; All approved.

c) Proposals for general discussion

5. Old business

6. New business

a) Next Generation Scholars proposals- new partner schools and new courses (Justin Bathon)

i. Approval of the addition of Elliott County High School, Frederick Douglas High School and Whitley County High School to the list of high school partners

Additional discussion: These schools all submitted a comprehensive application where they outlined their rationale for wanting to participate in the Next Generation Scholars program and how they intended to implement the program. All applications were independently reviewed and scored by individuals within the Next Generation Scholars program.

Motion to approve by Sarah Cprek; Seconded by Justin Nichols; All approved.

ii. Approval of the addition of A&S 100, BIO 103, CHE 109, CHE 110, ENG 107, SW 180, SW 240 and SW 395

Additional discussion: These courses are all currently approved for distance learning and are UK Core approved courses. Letters of support were provided by the home departments of all courses. Undergraduate Council members had no concerns regarding the inclusion of any of these courses in the dual credit program. It is possible that we approved CHE 109/110 last year; however, we will include them again this year just to be certain. The comment was made that some syllabi did not include all of the necessary syllabus elements and

Justin will communicate that feedback to the individual college/course representatives. There was also some discussion about the inclusion of the SW 395 course, which is an experiential learning course, in a course for high school students. This course would only be taken by high school seniors, after they have completed the necessary service learning and career exploration courses (SW 180 and SW 240). Taking SW 395 as a high school student is designed to help students get hands on experience in the field as a pipeline to the undergraduate SW program, but would not replace any upper-level experiential learning courses required for the social work or criminal justice degrees.

Motion to approve by Katherine Paullin; Seconded by Kate Field; All approved.

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mark O'Bryan; Seconded by Steven Arthur. Meeting adjourned at 4:00 PM.