

**Undergraduate Council Minutes**  
**February 10, 2026/ 3:30-5 pm Main Building Room 009F**

**Members present**

Kristine Urschel, Chair  
Julie Benton  
Steven Arthur  
Jessica Barfield  
Arryn Blaine  
Shelby Clark  
Dustin Faulstick  
Kate Field  
Regina Hannemann

Kaitlin Key  
John Kirn  
Joe Lewis  
Justin Nichols  
Alicia Modenbach  
Katherine Paullin  
Ashley Vowels  
Nathan Congleton  
Miranda Hines

**Members Absent**

Sarah Cprek  
Cory Curl  
Mark O'Bryan

**Meeting Agenda**

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 3:31pm

2. Approval of agenda (including consent agenda items)

Prior to the approval of the consent agenda, the following courses were added to the consent agenda: A-H 343, ABT 362, APS 301, APS 302, APS 490, DES 400, COM 461, ME 535, SW 562

Motion to approve by Regina Hannemann; Seconded by Ashley Vowels; All approved.

3. Approval of January 27, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Steven Arthur; Seconded by Katherine Paullin ; All approved.

4. Proposal review

- a) Consent Agenda

**Curl, Cprek, Vowels**

[A-E 362](#)- Change course (major)

[HDF 500](#)- Change course (major)

**Curl, Paullin, Cprek**

[A-H 343](#)- Change course (major)

**Paullin, Curl, Clark**

[ABT 362](#)- New course

[COM 461](#)- New course

[DES 400](#)- New course

**Hannemann, Field, Blaine**

[APS 301](#)- New course

[APS 302](#)- New course

[APS 490](#)- New course

**Blaine, Faulstick, Barfield**

[BME 436](#)- New course

**Field, Clark, Modenbach**

[CHE 535](#)- Change course (major)

[CHE 548](#)- Change course (major)

**Clark, Arthur, Field**

[CHS 175](#)- Change course (major)

**Faulstick, Barfield, O'Bryan**

[EDL 205](#)- New course

**Nichols, Paullin, Key**

[ME 535](#)- New course

[SW 562](#)- New course

b) Discussion Agenda

**Faulstick, Barfield, O'Bryan**

[BSEDU Interdisciplinary Early Childhood Education](#)- Change degree

Rationale: We are requesting to decrease the number of hours required for pre-major and major courses associated with the Bachelor's in IECE degree. This change will allow undergrads greater flexibility in scheduling courses as they work towards the IECE degree. In addition, we are requesting that different courses be required. These different courses were selected by the IECE program faculty based on the needs of our students. For example, we have had students who cannot pass the Praxis test required by the state of Kentucky to become certified as an IECE teacher. Thus, we are wanting our students to take MA 111 to better prepare them for the Praxis. We are also requesting a change to the GCCR course. Presently, the IECE program uses EDS 530 to satisfy their GCCR requirement. However, one of the changes detailed in this proposal is for EDS 530 to no longer be required of IECE students. Therefore, the IECE program is requesting to use EPE 301 (3 hrs; home unit is Educational Policy Studies and Evaluation) to satisfy this requirement given that (a) EPE 301 is already a required Major Course for IECE students, (b) EPE 301 is already approved as

satisfying the GCCR requirement, and (c) there have been no proposals submitted to change EPE 301.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Dustin Faulstick; Seconded by Jessica Barfield; All approved.

**Key, Kirn, Modenbach**

Change Certificate- Undergraduate Certificate in Universal Design- Change certificate

Rationale: After 10 years of offering the Universal Design Certificate, we updated the approach for the curriculum. By offering the courses online, we hope to reach additional market sectors.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Kaitlin Key; Seconded by John Kirn ; All approved.

**Blaine, Faulstick, Barfield**

Undergraduate Certificate in Engineering- Aerospace Engineering- Change certificate

Rationale: The proposed new track for the Aerospace Engineering Certificate is intended for mechanical engineering students at the Paducah campus. There is significant interest in the aerospace certificate from Paducah students. However, existing tracks are not feasible because most of the required courses are unavailable at the Paducah campus. The proposed Modeling and Simulation track consists of courses that are frequently offered at the Paducah campus.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Arryn Blaine; Seconded by Dustin Faulstick; All approved.

c) Proposals for general discussion

5. Old business

6. New business

a) New degrees- Climate Change and Atmospheric Science and Creative Writing

Additional discussion: There are two additional programs coming through (each with two degrees) that involve several new courses. To hopefully streamline the process, teams have been assigned to each set of courses to work together to get all courses and the program reviewed in a timely manner. Camille Harmon has pre-reviewed all of the courses and a list of comments/suggestions to be communicated with the proposers, will be distributed to all reviewers.

## 7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Steven Arthur; Seconded by Regina Hannemann; Meeting adjourned at 3:49pm.