

**Undergraduate Council Agenda
February 24, 2026/ 3:30-5 pm Main Building Room 009F**

Members present

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

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

Members Absent

Sarah Cprek

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome

Meeting began at 3:31pm

2. Approval of agenda (including consent agenda items)

Prior to the approval of the agenda ISC 496 and PHR 111 were added to the consent agenda.

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

3. Approval of February 10, 2026 meeting minutes

Motion to approve by Regina Hannemann; Seconded by Katherine Paullin; All approve

4. Proposal review

- a) Consent Agenda

Curl, Cprek, Vowels

[AAD 230](#)- New course

[AAD 330](#)- New course

Blaine, Hannemann, Field

[APS 101](#)- New course

[APS 102](#)- New course

[APS 201](#)- New course
[APS 303](#)- New course
[APS 304](#)- New course
[APS 305](#)- New course

Faulstick, Vowels, Barfield

[EES 355](#)- New course
[EES 365](#)- New course
[EES 370](#)- New course

Modenbach, Key, Kirn

[HDI 400](#)- Change course (major)

Clark, Paullin, Kirn

[ISC 496](#)- New course

Modenbach, Clark, Paullin

[JOU 496](#)- New course

Paullin, Hannemann, Kirn

[PHR 111](#)- New course

Blaine, Cprek, Key

[PPL 110](#)- New course (with UK Core)

Barfield, O'Bryan, Nichols

[PSY 160](#)- Change course (major)
[PSY 313](#)- Change course (major)

b) Discussion Agenda

Hannemann, Field, Blaine

[BA Applied Psychology](#)- New degree

Rationale: The University of Kentucky proposes a fully online Bachelor of Arts in Applied Psychology to expand access to one of the most popular and versatile undergraduate fields of study. This program is designed for students who want to apply psychological science directly to real-world contexts—such as the workplace, community, and family life—rather than focusing solely on preparation for graduate study. Delivered entirely online, the degree will serve Kentuckians who are place-bound, working adults, or returning to higher education, thereby supporting the state's goal of increasing educational attainment and workforce readiness. The curriculum emphasizes applied skills in communication, critical thinking, cultural competence, and ethical decision-making, aligning with employer demand across Kentucky's key economic sectors, including health care, education, and human services. Drawing on

the nationally recognized expertise of UK's Department of Psychology faculty, the Applied Psychology B.A. maintains high academic standards while broadening opportunity and preparing graduates to strengthen Kentucky's communities and economy.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Regina Hannemann by Mark O'Bryan; All approved

Faulstick, Key, Clark

[BS Mechanical Engineering](#)- Change degree

Rationale: To streamline the process and reduce administrative burden, we propose that any course with an ME-prefix or cross-listed as an ME-prefix course that is 300-level or higher and is not otherwise required for the BSME 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 AER-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 Dustin Faulstick; Seconded by Kaitlin Keys; All approved

Barfield, Modenbach, Faulstick

[BS Nursing](#)- Change degree

Rationale: We are requesting a change to our program pre major courses. We would like to add CPH 201, HDF 254, and SOC 101 as an option to satisfy the PSY 100 OR PSY 323 requirement. The new requirement would read: PSY 100 OR PSY 323 OR CPH 201 OR HDF 254 OR SOC 101. We are also moving BIO 208 and DHN 212 from the BSN Tradition track requirement to the program pre major requirements. The first semester courses cover content on infectious disease and preventative health approaches; therefore, students are best prepared for this course taking these courses prior to beginning the first semester courses. It can also require that student take a number of credit hours that disadvantages them to success in NUR courses.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Jessica Barfield; Seconded by Alicia Modenbach; All approved

Curl, Cprek, Vowels

Certificate- Child Life Undergraduate Certificate- Change

Rationale: We are expanding capacity for this program and are adding a minimum overall GPA requirement of 2.75 to apply and continue to progress. A 2.75 overall GPA is consistent with similar pre-professional programs on campus, including student teaching. It also keeps students within reach of the career standard 3.0 GPA minimum to progress to an internship or graduate school after graduation. We are also changing the location of experiential learning in HDF 500 to community based settings and are subsequently adding a one-credit course (HDF 497) to facilitate student placements.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Cory Curl; Seconded by Arryn Blaine; All approved

O'Bryan, Vowels, Arthur

Change to requirements for minor- Business Analytics minor- Change minor

Rationale: Our most recent program review was Spring 2025. We are making two groups of changes. First, we wish to allow two courses from the recently created Accounting Analytics Badge (ACC 434 and ACC 444) to substitute for two core courses in the minor (AN 306 and AN 324). Second, we want to add more options to the list of courses for the minor's required elective. Since the current electives are closely associated with majors in the Gatton College of B&E we have had difficulty finding sufficient seats for students to complete the minor. This is especially a problem for students enrolled in colleges of than the Gatton College.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Mark O'Bryan ; Seconded by Steven Arthur; All approved

c) Proposals for general discussion

5. Old business
6. New business
7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mark O'Bryan; Seconded by Regina Hannemann; Meeting adjourned at 4:01pm.