

Undergraduate Council Minutes
September 22, 2026/ 3:30-5 pm Main Building Room 009F

Members Present

Kristine Urschel, Chair
Julie Schmidt
Steven Arthur
Jessica Barfield
Joseph Benitez
Arryn Blaine
Dustin Faulstick
Kaitlin Key
John Kirn
Joe Lewis
Justin Nichols
Alicia Modenbach
Mark O'Bryan
Katherine Paullin
Tim Taylor
Sarah Vos
Ashley Vowels (Zoom)
Timothy Ebner
Miranda Hines

Members Absent

Kate Field
Shelita Jackson

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions

Meeting called to order at 3:30pm

2. Approval of agenda (including consent agenda items)

Prior to the approval of the agenda, NUR 368 and FSC 312 were added to the consent agenda.

Motion to approve by John Kirn; Seconded by Joe Lewis; All approved.

3. Approval of September 8 minutes

Motion to approve by Mark O'Bryan; Seconded by Alicia Modenbach; All approved.

4. Proposal review

a) Consent Agenda

Barfield, Faulstick, Vos

[AFE 343](#)- New course

[AFE 344](#)- New course

Key, Jackson, Paullin

[DIP 201](#)- New course

[DIP 313](#)- New course

Blaine, Paullin, Key

[DIP 413](#)- New course

Taylor, Nichols, Key

[FSC 312](#)- New course (with UK Core)

Arthur, Barfield, Kirn

[HJS 323](#)- New course (with UK Core)

Kirn, Arthur, Vos

[ISC 497](#)- Change course (major)

Vos, Modenbach, Blaine

[JPN 150](#)- New course (with UK Core)

Faulstick, Kirn, Barfield

[MCL 200](#)- Change course (with UK Core)

Modenbach, Vos, Key

[NUR 368](#)- New course

Taylor, Nichols, Key

[PPA 350](#)- New course

Field, Kirn, Arthur

[PPL 305](#)- New course

Nichols, Taylor, Field

[WRD 390](#)- New course

b) Discussion Agenda

Paullin, Modenbach, O'Bryan

[Badge-Fundamentals of Lactation Counseling](#)- Close badge

Rationale: The badge is being closed due to the retirement of the faculty member responsible for teaching the undergraduate cognate NUR 347 – Knowledge for Lactation Counseling, a required course within the badge curriculum. The College has

been unable to identify a qualified replacement to teach the course so as a result, the badge must be closed.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Katherine Paullin; Seconded by Alicia Modenbach; All approved.

Paullin, Arthur, Benitez

BS Family Sciences- Change degree

Rationale: We are proposing to change the degree name from Bachelor of Science in Family Sciences to Bachelor of Science in Human Development and Family Science, also known as HDFS. This change has been completed already for our major (<https://uky.curriculog.com/proposal:11232/form>), minor (<https://uky.curriculog.com/proposal:11238/form>) and course names. The name Human Development and Family Science is more consistent with other land grant institutions across the United States. Further, Human Development is foundational to the research, teaching, and training of our students as mental health professionals and within community-based programs. The department teaches human development courses (e.g. Life Course Human Development and Adolescent Development), offers a Child Life certificate and program, provides a Play Therapy Certificate, and offers Adolescent Development as one of the three main areas of concentration for graduate education. Thus, faculty believe that it is important to the future of the unit to preserve full access to Human Development as a descriptor of our major and department. Faculty unanimously approved a motion to change the name of the Department and degree from Family Sciences to Human Development and Family Science (singular) on 2/26/2024.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

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

Blaine, Barfield, Paullin

BSN Nursing- Change degree

Rationale: The College of Nursing Undergraduate Traditional BSN program is proposing to change admission criteria to a direct admit program. This change will remove the secondary application process and allow eligible pre-nursing students to progress to the NUR major. The admission criteria will be students admitted out of high school directly into nursing and still be designated as a pre-nursing student as a first-year student. The admission criteria proposed is an unweighted high school GPA > or equal to a 3.4. During the first year at UK the student must complete the following pre-requisite courses (or their approved equivalents) and some of the UK Core requirements to prepare for progression to the major: ANA 109 & 110, BIO 103, CHE 103, CIS/WRD 110, CIS/WRD 111 (OR CIS/WRD 112), PSY 100 or 323. Students will submit intention to progress to the NUR major for advancement for the

following academic year. The student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 and a cumulative science GPA of 3.0 in all required pre-requisite courses. All prerequisite courses must be completed by the end of the spring semester before you are considered for progression. The GPA used for progression includes all college credits taken as a high school or college student. Students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA and a 3.0 minimum cumulative science GPA to be considered.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Arryn Blaine; Seconded by John Kim; All approved.

Key, Jackson, Faulstick

New- Undergraduate- National Security Policy- New certificate

Rationale: The proposed Undergraduate Certificate in National Security Policy responds to growing student interest in national security, foreign policy, intelligence, terrorism and counterterrorism, and public service. National security issues increasingly influence domestic and international policymaking, creating demand for graduates who can understand complex security challenges and evaluate policy responses. The certificate provides students with a focused credential in an area that is not currently available through an existing undergraduate certificate or degree program at the University of Kentucky. The certificate is inherently interdisciplinary, drawing upon the expertise of the Patterson School as well as selected coursework in Political Science and Public Policy. Students examine national security challenges from political, diplomatic, strategic, and policy perspectives while developing analytical, research, writing, and communication skills. The curriculum is designed to complement a wide range of undergraduate majors and provide students with specialized knowledge that enhances preparation for careers in government, defense, intelligence, public service, international organizations, and related fields, as well as graduate study in international affairs, public policy, law, and related disciplines.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Kaitlin Key; Seconded by Dustin Faulstick; All approved.

5. Old Business

- a) Questions, comments or concerns related to the review process- Answered some questions for new members about steps with approving proposals.

6. New business

7. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn by Mark O'Bryan, Seconded by Steven Arthur. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.