Undergraduate Council Minutes
October 13, 2026/ 3:30-5 pm Main Building Room 009F

Members Present		**Members Absent**
Kristine Urschel, Chair	John Kirn	Shelita Jackson
Julie Schmidt	Joe Lewis	Miranda Hines
Steven Arthur	Justin Nichols	
Jessica Barfield	Alicia Modenbach	
Joseph Benitez	Mark O'Bryan	
Arryn Blaine	Katherine Paullin	
Dustin Faulstick	Tim Taylor	
Kate Field	Sarah Vos	
Kaitlin Key	Ashley Vowels	
	Timothy Ebner	

Meeting Agenda

1. Welcome/Introductions

   Meeting called to order at 3:31pm

2. Approval of agenda (including consent agenda items)

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

3. Approval of September 22 minutes

   Motion to approve by Timothy Ebner; Seconded by Sarah Vos; All approved.

4. Proposal review

   a) Consent Agenda

   Taylor, Paullin, Jackson
   A-H 501- Drop course
   A-H 502- Drop course

   Vowels, Faulstick, Benitez
   BIO 438- New course

   Kirn, Blaine, Field
   CLA 425G- Drop course

   Modenbach, Vos, Vowels
   FIN 340- New course

Modenbach, Vowels, Nichols
HON 290- New course

Vowels, Vos, Nichols
JOU 333- Drop course
JOU 541- Drop course

Arthur, Kirn, Taylor
LIS 564- New course

O'Bryan, Key, Modenbach
MGT 392- New course

Jackson, Arthur, Taylor
NUR 382- Change course (major)

Vos, Barfield, O'Bryan
PLS 555- New course

Field, Kirn, Arthur
PPL 303- Change course (major)

Vowels, Kirn, O'Bryan
RUS 387- New course with UK Core

Nichols, O'Bryan, Barfield
WRD 360- New course

b) Discussion Agenda

Blaine, Field, Key
BS Human Health Science- Change degree

Rationale: Updates are being made to the required courses in the Dentistry, Physical Therapy, Optometry, and Pharmacy tracks. Total credit hours will not change.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Arryn Blaine; Seconded by Kate Field; All approved

Undergraduate Certificate in Health Science (Nutrition for Human Performance)- Change certificate

Rationale: The intent of the proposed changes are to: 1) improve student access to certificate enrollment (i.e. enroll earlier during their academic journey as a Freshman or Sophomore) and to provide students with course alternatives; 2) Reduce credit

hours from 15 to 12. 3) Remove program student learning outcome (PSLO) #2 since it is aligned with the required course we propose to change to an elective course. This action planned will be described in our PSLO annual report (separate from this proposal). Collectively, proposed changes will streamline faculty processes for determining student eligibility and improve student matriculation.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Arryn Blaine; Seconded by Joe Lewis; All approved

Blaine, Jackson, Arthur
Change Minor- Sustainable Agriculture- Change minor

Rationale: This proposal presents a revision to the Sustainable Agriculture Minor including a change to the minor's title, updates to program requirements, and revisions to the guided elective options. These changes are intended to improve clarity, strengthen curricular coherence, and better align the minor with current disciplinary perspectives, student interests, and workforce needs. Overall, this revision is designed to improve the student experience while maintaining the academic integrity and learning goals of the minor. Additionally, we'd like to switch the home department from Sustainable Agriculture to Agriculture General.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Arryn Blaine; Seconded by Tim Taylor; All approved

Faulstick, Benitez, Kirn
UG Certificate- Leadership Studies- Close certificate

Rationale: We propose to close the Face to Face option of the UG certificate due to changes in the certificate program to fully online course options. The online option will continue. To streamline, clarify, and make the certificate more accessible, we updated the Undergraduate Certificate for Leadership Studies from a total of 18 credit hours to 12 credit hours. Originally, students would select 1 course from each of 4 pillars and add 2 approved elective courses for a total of 18 hours. Options in the pillars and electives included face-to-face courses. In the new certificate, students take 4 core courses (12 hours), all of which will be offered via distance, also turning the certificate into a completely online program. These changes to the Leadership Certificate were made as a part of a separate proposal.

Additional discussion: No additional discussion

Motion to approve by Dustin Faulstick; Seconded by Steven Arthur; All approved

5. Old Business

6. New business

    a) General discussion about Minor in Entrepreneurship

        Discussion summary: this is a new minor being proposed through B&E. In the proposal there was mention of other existing programs in the Colleges of Fine Arts and Communication and Information that could be collaborative/complementary, but not documentation of support of confirmation from their programs that the proposed minor does not duplicate their existing program. The primary reviewer will follow-up with the proposer to see if they have letters of support that could be included to move forward with the proposal (so that this information is available for future stages of review as well).

7. Adjournment

    Motion to adjourn by Mark O'Bryan, Seconded by John Kirn. Meeting adjourned at 3:56pm.