

Curriculum Committee Meeting

Minutes

March 24, 2026

Present: JD Carpenter, Scott Beatty, Connie Stout, Lloyd Bone, Kevin Evans, David O'Dell, Kaitlin Ensor, Schuyler Chapman, Dwight Heaster, Bob Hutton Brooklyn Golden, Rachel Adams

Absent: Mari Clements, Adam Black, Amanda Chapman, Sara Sawyer, Ashley Nicholas

Guests: Ann Reed

Approval of Minutes

- Minutes from March 3, 2026: Kevin motioned to approve, David seconded. Connie abstained. Motion passed.

Old Business

- Course outline review/missing course outlines (no updates)
- Department Catalog Sections
 - Criminal Justice will notify Ashley by email letting her know that there are no changes needed for them.
- Accelerated MBA
 - JD asked the committee to consider lowering the GPA requirement from a 3.5 to a 3.25. The Committee expressed concerns about lowering the GPA requirement and think this needs to go back to the Grad Council if they want to lower the GPA requirement. JD said he was fine with that he would like to proceed with the recommended GPA of 3.5 and would then take it back to Council next fall.
 - David asked about the wording in the catalog pages. He recommended that the word "just" be removed from the first paragraph. The Committee also discussed updating the wording in the Admissions Requirements by removing the word "selective" and the word "internal".
 - They also requested an addition to the requirements that a student must meet with their academic advisor and the Graduate Program Coordinator.
 - Under program structure and intensity, the language about credit hour requirements was changed to read a minimum of 15 hours per semester.
 - In the second bullet point the Committee asked for accelerated to placed in front of the work MBA.
 - They Committee asked for an additional bullet point to be added that states 21 hours of credits may be shared with the BSBA degree.
 - The Committee also reviewed the accelerated degree programs policy and ask the last sentence in the first paragraph have the "please note that" removed.
 - David motioned to approve the accelerated MBA degree with the recommended changes, Kaitlin seconded. Motion passed.

New Business

- **Athletic Coaching Major**
 - The current AC&C major will become an Athletic Coaching major with the changes including the addition of EXSC 375 being expanded to include a second course EXSC 376, adding PSYC 420 as a restricted elective option and discontinuing EXSC 490. Students interested in becoming a strength and conditioning coach will be encouraged to major in Exercise Science and then take the SCCC certification exam.
 - David motioned to approve the new Athletic Coaching major with correction of punctuation, JD seconded. Motion passed
- **Discontinuation of Communication & Professional Writing Minors**
 - These minors are being discontinued due to low enrollment, there is currently one student enrolled in the communications minor. The student and their advisor have been notified of this and asked if the student would like to continue the minor with some course substitutions or pursue the microcredential the department is currently planning. There were two students enrolled in the professional writing minor and both have completed their requirements.
 - The Committee asked about keeping CART 493 since we are discontinuing the minors, Schuyler said his understanding was that it would eventually be used in the microcredential the department is currently planning.
 - David motioned to approve the discontinuation of the Communication and Professional Writing Minors, Kevin seconded. Motion passed.
- **Catalog Clean Up**
 - Catalog pages for the RBA Literary Studies Area of Emphasis were presented to the Committee to reflect the approved change of ENGL 293 to ENGL 300.
 - Course outlines for the ENGL 399, ENGL 404 and ENGL 430 were presented to the Committee to update ENGL 293 to ENGL 300 as a prerequisite. The Committee asked that ENGL 101 and ENGL 102 be removed from the course outlines as required prerequisites as both must be completed before a student can be enrolled in ENGL 300.
 - Kevin motioned to approve these course outlines with the removal of ENGL 101 and ENGL 102, David seconded. Motion passed.