

Academic Affairs Committee – Minutes
March 23, 2026
3:00pm

Members Present: Beth O’Neill, Akhadian Harnowo, Tucker Jones, Sarah Cook, Tracy Davies, Franki Ostrom, Dixie Copeland, Gary Graves

Not Present: Jayme Burdick, Stephanie Lanning, Amy White

Guests: Kristen Grimmer, Nan Sun

- I. Call to Order: Chair Sarah Cook called the meeting to order at 3:00pm
- II. Approval of Minutes: Meeting minutes from November 3, 2025, were presented. Tucker Jones moved to approve the minutes as presented. Franki Ostrom seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved.
- III. Action Items/Approvals:
 - a. New Program – Sport and Event Media, BA. CourseLeaf item was presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Dixie Copeland made a motion to approve. Tucker Jones seconded the motion.
 - ii. Kristen Grimmer provided an overview of the proposal to the committee.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.
 - b. Program Change – Cybersecurity and Digital Forensics, BA. CourseLeaf item was presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Gary Graves made a motion to approve. Dixie Copeland seconded the motion.
 - ii. Nan Sun provided an overview of the proposal to the committee. The program name is changing to include “cybersecurity”, and a few course changes are proposed in alignment with the new name/focus.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.
 - c. Program Change – Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, BS. CourseLeaf item was presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Gary Graves made a motion to approve. Tucker Jones seconded the motion.
 - ii. Nan Sun provided an overview of the proposal to the committee. The program name is changing to include “artificial intelligence”, and a few course changes are proposed in alignment with the new name/focus.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.

- d. Course Change - CH151 – Fundamentals of Chemistry I. CourseLeaf item was presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Tucker Jones made a motion to approve. Franki Ostrom seconded the motion.
 - ii. Sarah Cook provided an overview of the proposal, which revises the course prerequisites in consideration of changes to MA 116 due to Math Pathways.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.
- e. Course Change - MA204 – Discrete Math for Middle School Teachers. CourseLeaf item was presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Gary Graves made a motion to approve. Franki Ostrom seconded the motion.
 - ii. Sarah Cook provided an overview of the proposal, which revises the course title given curriculum changes that occurred last year.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.
- f. New Program – Certificate in English-Spanish/Spanish-English Translation. CourseLeaf item was presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Tracy Davies made a motion to approve. Gary Graves seconded the motion.
 - ii. Beth O’Neill provided an overview of the proposal. The certificate in English-Spanish/Spanish-English Translation uses existing courses and will be available to degree-seeking students, as well as non degree-seeking students in the community.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.
- g. Program Inactivation – General Science, BS. CourseLeaf item was presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Franki Ostrom made a motion to approve. Tracy Davies seconded the motion.
 - ii. Sarah Cook provided an overview of the proposal. It was emphasized that students who have an interest in science but are not able/interested in completing a biology or chemistry degree can complete a Bachelor of Integrated Studies or Bachelor of General Studies.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.

There being no further business to discuss, Tracy Davies moved to conclude the meeting. Akhadian Harnowo seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Meeting concluded at 3:22pm

Minutes taken by Beth O’Neill