

Academic Affairs Committee – Minutes
April 6, 2026
4:00pm via Zoom

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

Not Present: Jayme Burdick, Tucker Jones, Stephanie Lanning

Guests: Dmitri Nizovtsev, Zenova Williams, Kerry Wynn

- I. Call to Order: Chair Sarah Cook called the meeting to order at 4:02pm
- II. Approval of Minutes - Meeting minutes from March 23, 2026, were presented. Franki Ostrom moved to approve the minutes as presented. Dixie Copeland seconded the motion. There was no discussion, and the motion was approved.
- III. Action Items/Approvals –
 - a. Course Changes -The following course changes were grouped together for a single vote as they all related to the same pre-requisite:
 - i. AC224 – Financial Accounting
 - ii. AC225 – Managerial Accounting
 - iii. BU250 – Management Information Systems
 - iv. BU258 – Foundations of Data Analysis
 - v. BU381 – Business Finance
 - vi. EC200 – Principles of Microeconomics
 - vii. EC201 – Principles of Macroeconomics
 - viii. EC211 – Statistics for Business Economics
 - ix. EC306 – Game Theory and Applications
 - x. The CourseLeaf items for the above courses were presented with the proposed changes.
 1. Akhadian Harnowo moved to approve the course changes as presented. Dixie Copeland seconded the motion.
 2. Dmitri Nizovtsev explained to the committee the reason for the course changes was due to course pre-requisite concerning MA116 due to SAT and/or ACT math scores.
 3. After discussion, motion approved.
 - b. Course Inactivation – HS450 – Multicultural Issues and HS355 Peacemaking CourseLeaf items were presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Franki Ostrom made a motion to approve. Amy White seconded the motion.

- ii. Zenova Williams provided an overview of the proposal to the committee and shared neither course had been taught in 4-8 years. Inactivation does not impact licensure or accreditation.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.
- c. New Program – Honors Program credit/capstone adjustment. CourseLeaf item was presented with proposed changes.
 - i. Amy White made a motion to approve. Dixie Copeland seconded the motion.
 - ii. Kerry Wynn provided an overview of the proposal to the committee. Adjusting catalog language and adding a capstone option to the program in addition to a thesis. Clarifying affinity between Honors and Great Texts programs.
 - iii. After discussion, the motion was approved.
- d. Discussion Item –
 - i. Request for approval of minutes by email – after a brief discussion the committee was in consensus.

There being no further business to discuss, Amy White moved to conclude the meeting. Franki Ostrom seconded the motion. The motion was approved.

Meeting concluded at 4:22pm

Minutes taken by Beth Mathews