

MINUTES
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
October 2, 2025

The Undergraduate Council met in Wingo Hall room 315.

Members Participating: Kurt Boniecki (Chair), Saadia Lawton, Joseph McGarrity, Kristin Dooley, Shawn Charlton, Ellen Hostetter, Shannon Johnson, Stephanie Sorbet, Susan Gatto, Joe Thomas, Alex Chen, Ling Zhang, Acie Clark, Kathryn Carroll, Ben Rowley, Ed Powers, Jessica Herring-Watson, Abigail Wells, and Rodney Lippard

Members Absent:, Vicky Summers, LeighAnn DenHartog, Alpha Chi rep

Guest: Jacob Held

The meeting was called to order at 1:40 p.m.

Action Items:

1. Saadia Lawton, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Computer Science and Cybersecurity for the following changes:
 - a. Replace CSCI 3380 (Computer Architecture) requirement in the BS program in Computer Science with CSCI 3385 (Artificial Intelligence)
 - b. Remove CSEC 3300 (intro to Number Theory & Cryptography) from the BS program in Cybersecurity thereby decreasing the total major hours from 85 to 82 and increasing the number of general elective hours from 9 to 12
 - c. Remove CSCI 1470 (Computer Science I) prerequisite, MATH 1390 (College Algebra)
 - d. Update the 8 hours of science requirements in the BS program in Computer Science to include additional course options of BIOL 1400, CHEM 1400, GEOG 1400 and PHYS 1400Ben Rowley seconded the motion. Discussion followed. Motion passed, all in favor.
2. Ellen Hostetter, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Computer Science and Engineering for the following changes:
 - a. For the BS program in Computer Science, remove additional mathematics courses CSCI 4310 and CSCI 4390 and add additional courses MATH 3391, 3392 and 4373
 - b. For the BS programs in Cybersecurity, Data Science, and Software Engineering, replace required course CSCI 2330 with MATH 2330

- c. For the BS in Cybersecurity, replace QMTH 2330 with CISA 2330
 - d. For the BS in Cybersecurity, Cybersecurity Strategic Policy concentration, remove PSCI 4301 and add PSCI 4312 and PSCI 4369
- Susan Gatto seconded. Motion passed, all in favor.

- 3. Ben Rowley, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from Environmental Science / Geography / Planning and Administration for a concentration name change to Geospatial Science. Jessica Herring-Watson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

Information Items:

- 1. From the Department of Computer Science and Engineering / Computer Science and Cybersecurity for the following changes:
 - a. Update the course description for CSCI 4300 Operating Systems
 - b. Add courses as elective to the BS program in Computer Science: CSCI 2360, CSCI 3340, CSCI 3355, CSCI 4325, CSCI 4335
 - c. Add a required course option of CSEC 4345 to the Cybersecurity Security concentration
- 2. From Biology: change course title for BIOL 3315 to Hidden Figures in STEM.
- 3. From Computer Science: Delete Data Science concentration.

Other:

- 1. Kurt Boniecki answered questions on the Arkansas Common Course Numbering (ACCN) system.

The next UGC meeting is November 6, 2025 at 1:40 pm in Wingo Hall, room 315.

Submitted on behalf of the Undergraduate Council,

Kurt Boniecki