

MINUTES
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
February 5, 2026

The Undergraduate Council met in Wingo Hall room 315.

Members Participating: Kurt Boniecki (Chair), Saadia N. Lawton, Joseph McGarrity, Kristin Dooley, Ellen Hostetter, Shannon Johnson, Susan Gatto, Joe Thomas, Alex Chen, Ling Zhang, Kathryn Carroll, Ben Rowley, Ed Powers, Acie Clark, Abigail Wells, Shawn Charlton, and Vicky Summers

Members Absent: Stefanie Sorbet, Jessica Herring-Watson, Rodney Lippard, LeighAnn DenHartog, Alpha Chi rep

Guests: Shauna Meador, Jacob Held

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

1. Shawn Charlton, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Biology for a new minor in Bioinformatics. Joe McGarrity seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

2. Shawn Charlton, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Government, Public Service, and International Studies / Public Administration Minor:
 - a. To reduce the total hours of the minor from 24 to 16 hours
 - b. To reduce the core requirements from 15 to 10 hours
 - c. To reduce the electives in the Public and Non-Profit Management issue area from 6 to 3 hours
 - d. To add PADM 1110 to the core requirements and move PSCI 3300 and PADM 4320 from the core to the Public and Non-Profit Management issue area
 - e. To change the name from Public Administration to Public Service

Ben Rowley seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

3. Shawn Charlton, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology for new course ANTH 3380 Archaeology of North America. Joe McGarrity seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

4. Shawn Charlton, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Teaching and Learning / Middle Level

to update lists of content specialty courses in the Undergraduate Bulletin. Shannon Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

5. Shawn Charlton, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Teaching and Learning to change WRID 3340 to EDUC 3340 and to move the course from the School of Communication to the Department of Teaching and Learning. Shannon Johnson seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
6. Ellen Hostetter, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of five proposals from the Department of Film, Theatre, and Creative Writing:
 - a. to change the credit value of FILM 2466 from a four-credit course to a six-credit course FILM 2666
 - b. to change the credit value of FILM 3456 from a four-credit course to a six-credit course FILM 3656.
 - c. to change the total number of required Film minor hours from 22 to 24.
 - d. to change the total number of required Film major hours from 44 to 48.
 - e. to remove the related course requirement for the BA degree in Film.

Acie Clark seconded the motion. Discussion followed pertaining to the decision made by the University several years ago to remove the BA special degree requirement and allow each department to choose whether to add a foreign language related course requirement to their major. Motion passed, all in favor.

7. Ben Rowley, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Elementary, Literacy, and Special Education to change the credit value of ELSE 3308 from an upper division course to a lower division course ELSE 2308. Susan Gatto seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
8. Ben Rowley, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Schedler Honors College to change the variable credit hour options for HONC 3V15 from 1-3 to 0-3 credit hours. Susan Gatto seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
9. Ben Rowley, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Marketing and Management for a new certificate program "Professional Selling Certificate. Susan Gatto seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

10. Ben Rowley, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from SLL / Modern Languages / Spanish for new course SPAN 3317 Spanish for Health Professionals. Susan Gatto seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

11. Ben Rowley, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Music for new courses MUSE 2131 Basketball Band and MUSE 4131 Basketball Band. Acie Clark seconded the motion. Discussion followed concerning identical course descriptions and listing them as 01 lecture courses but describing them as “performance” in the course goals, learning outcomes and course outlines. Ben Rowley shared the explanation from Stephen Plate (music chair) which indicated there is precedent for offering 2000/4000-level versions of ensemble courses. The nationally accredited program is divided between upper and lower division courses. In fact, there is a sophomore screening to allow for continued study at the upper division designated courses for those who qualify musically and academically. The request for these two courses is not new, but a continuation of the current registration process for existing music ensemble courses. Most current MUSE ensemble courses have the “schedule type” attribute set as “lecture;” this proposal follows that same practice. Considerable discussion ensued. Rowley moved to amend the motion **contingent upon a revised curriculum form from the department explaining that MUSE 4131 is only open to students who pass the sophomore screening**. Motion passed, 14 in favor and one opposed.

Information Items:

1. From the College of Business: Create a BBA+MBA and BS+MBA combined (4+1) option for the BBA or BS.

2. From CISA / General Business: Allow BS and BA degree programs in the COB to take the General Business minor and allow courses under the BUAD prefix to count toward the General Business minor.

3. From CISA / Data Analytics minor: add two courses CISA 3365 and CISA 4379 to the list of elective options.

4. From CISA: change course title and description for CISA 4381 to Introduction to Machine Learning.

5. From EFIRM / BBA: nonsubstantive editorial change of course description for FINA 3330.

6. From English: nonsubstantive editorial change of course description for ENGL 4361.
7. From Marketing & Management: remove prerequisite for MKTG 3360.
8. From Marketing & Management: remove prerequisite for MKTG 3372.
9. From Marketing & Management: update course description and remove prerequisite for MKTG 3374.
10. From Mathematics: remove MATH 4363 as a course elective and from the UBulletin.
11. From Mathematics: remove MATH 4374 as a course elective and from the UBulletin.
12. From SLL / Modern Languages / Spanish: add new course SPAN 3317 as a major and minor elective in the Traditional Track.
13. From Music / BM in Jazz and Studio Music: update repeat limits from 4 to 16 credit hours for MUSA 4V60 Jazz Applied.
14. From Sociology, Criminology, and Anthropology: add new course ANTH 3380 to the list of electives for the major and minor in Anthropology.

Submitted on behalf of the Undergraduate Council,

Kurt Boniecki