

MINUTES
UNDERGRADUATE COUNCIL
October 1, 2026

The Undergraduate Council met in Wingo Hall room 315 at x-period.

Members participating: Kurt Boniecki (Chair), Kristin Dooley, Dru Sanders, Saadia N. Lawton, Shawn Charlton, Stefanie Sorbet, Ellen Hostetter, Ling Zhang, Acie Clark, Susan Gatto, Ed Powers, Ben Rowley, Joe Thomas, Jessica Herring-Watson; and non-voting member: Vicky Summers.

Members absent: Joseph McGarrity, Alex Chen, Kathryn Carroll, Rodney Lippard, LeighAnn DenHartog

Guest: Jacob Held

Action Items:

1. Kristin Dooley, on behalf of subcommittee one, made a motion to recommend approval of nine proposals from the School of Music:
 - a. for a new concentration, the Bachelor of Arts with a major in music and concentration in recording arts technology
 - b. for a new minor program in recording arts technology
 - c. for new course, MUS 3321 Recording Studio Internship I: Foundations of Studio Work
 - d. for new course, MUS 4322 Recording Studio Internship II
 - e. for new course, MUS 3325 Modern Digital Recording Techniques
 - f. for new course, MUS 2325 The History and Techniques of Analog Recording
 - g. for new course, MUS 1360 Introduction to Recording Arts
 - h. for new course, MUS 4V23 Recording Studio Internship III
 - i. for new course, MUS 4350 Recording Artistry

Saadia N. Lawton seconded the motion. Discussion followed concerning who would teach the new courses. Subcommittee members were informed by the interim music chair that the department had sufficient adjunct faculty available. Motion passed, all in favor.

2. Stefanie Sorbet, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of Biology for new course BINF 44504 Bioinformatics. Susan Gatto seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

3. Stefanie Sorbet, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the Department of History to remove some elective courses and add others to the History BA related course requirements:
 - a. Remove: COMM 3303, JOUR 3311, JOUR 3363, JOUR 3373, WRID 3390 & WRID 4320
 - b. Add: COMM 3301, COMM 3307, HIST 4392, JOUR 3345, LING 3325, & WRID 3305

Joe Thomas seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

4. Stefanie Sorbet, on behalf of subcommittee two, made a motion to recommend approval of a proposal from the School of Communication to change course level and number of COMM 3308 Argumentation and Advocacy to COMM 23503. Acie Clark seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.
5. Susan Gatto, on behalf of subcommittee three, made a motion to recommend approval of three proposals from the Department of EFIRM to change course number and description of INSU 3382 to FINN 3xxxV, ECON 3382 to ECON 3xxxV and FINA 3382 to FINN 3xxxV. Final common course numbers will be determined through consultation with ADHE. Ben Rowley seconded the motion. Motion passed, all in favor.

Information Item:

1. From Biology: remove courses from the UBulletin: BIOL 2420, 4205, 4410, 4442; and SCI 3320, 3425, 3430, 4314.

Other Business:

Kurt Boniecki summarized the HLC reaccreditation process and events happening on campus to support those efforts. He explained the role the Undergraduate Council will have during the mock visit in November and the final site visit in March.

Submitted on behalf of the Undergraduate Council,

Kurt Boniecki