

AUC Curriculum Committee
November 21, 2024
Hammond 314 3:30pm
Meeting minutes (recorded by Chrissy Devine)

Committee members in attendance:

Barbara Cormier
Rachelle Dermer
Christine Devine
Elizabeth Gordon
Sara Levine
Yang Liu
Monica Maldari
Jannette McMenemy
Erin Rehrig
Charles Roberts
Olivia Rossetti
David Svolba
Heather Urbanski
Sarah Wright
Hong Yu
Jacob Podsiadlo (student rep)
Morgan Ruel (student rep)

Committee members unable to attend:

Laura Baker
William Cortezia
Christine Dee
Natasha Kurtonina

Guests:

Franca Barricelli
Nadimpalli Mahadev
Nancy Murray

I. Vice Chair – Call to Order

Charlie Roberts, Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 3:30pm.

II. Approval of Minutes from Oct 17 Meeting

Motion to approve the minutes of Oct 17 meeting (David Svolba)

Vote to approve minutes - 13/0/3

III. Announcements regarding Business of the Day

C. Roberts announced that prior to the meeting a request was received to move **AUC#8 – Proposal: Restricting PSY 2020 to Majors** to the next meeting.

IV. Election of Chair

Motion to discuss the Election of Chair (Sara Levine, second by David Svolba)

Charlie Roberts offered to Co-chair in a remote modality.

David Svolba proposed an option that all members place their name in a hat for a random selection of Chairperson.

Olivia Rossetti asked for clarification of the role of Chairperson, and then agreed to serve as Co-Chairperson with Charlie Roberts.

Nomination: Olivia Rossetti self-nominated as Co-Chairperson.

vote: 17/0/0

Nominations: Charlie Roberts self-nominated as Co-Chairperson.

vote: 17/0/0

V. Election of Additional Alternate Secretar(ies)

Motion to discuss the election of additional alternate secretaries (David Svolba, second Sara Levine)

Nomination: David Svolba self-nominated as an alternate secretary.

vote: 17/0/0

Nomination: Sarah Wright self-nominated as an alternate secretary and will do minutes at the December meeting, but will not be available in the Spring (note - further relevant comments later in meeting revealed Sarah Wright might have a conflict and be unavailable for the Dec 19th meeting)

vote: 17/0/0

AUC#1 - Proposal: Academic Calendars 2025-2026 and 2026-2027

Sponsor: Pres. Donna Hodge, presented by Franca Barricelli

Academic Calendars 2025-2026 and 2026-2027

Motion to consider AUC#1 (David Svolba, second Sara Levine)

Franca Barricelli introduced the Academic Calendars, highlighting the changes in red noted on each calendar. Changes noted in red include a friendly amendment by Student Affairs to change the Spring 2026 and Spring 2027 move in dates to Martin Luther King Day, and a friendly amendment by AUC Policies to remove a specified time for Commencement on the Spring calendars.

Discussion:

Charlie Roberts discussed the presence of Labor Day on the Fall calendars, and proposed a friendly amendment to add “NO CLASSES” after “Labor Day” to provide clarity, and to align language with other observed holidays in which there are no classes.

Liz Gordon asked about the logistics of holding a combined graduation and Franca Barricelli stated it may be “two ceremony day,” and details were yet to be determined.

vote: 17/0/0

AUC#2 - Proposal: Change a prerequisite for CSC 3040

Sponsor: Nadimpalli Mahadev

Motion to consider AUC #2 (David Svolba, second Sarah Wright)

Nadimpalli Mahadev proposed a prerequisite change for CSC 3040, replacing the prerequisite CSC 1400 with CSC 1500. This course is also cross-listed with Business Administration and Criminal Justice, and these departments were consulted.

Discussion:

Charlie Roberts noticed that CSC 1500 is very focused on programming, and CSC 1400 seems to have similar content to CSC 3040.

Nadimpalli Mahadev responded that students will have adequate preparation for CSC 3040 with this change to pre-requisites.

David Svolba asked if CSC 1500 would replace CSC 1400 as the prerequisite to CSC 3040, and Nadimpalli Mahadev confirmed this as accurate.

Barbara Cormier asked if there could be a choice of prerequisites. Nadimpalli responded since both Computer Information Systems (CIS) majors, and Computer Science (CS) majors take CSC 3040 as either a CS Elective or as a required course for the Cyber Security Concentration, CSC 1500 provides a sufficient background in computers as preparation for CSC 3040. There was more here about 4 electives, and 3 of them required in one major but I did not get the details so referred back to the proposal

Vote: 17/0/0

AUC#10 - Proposal: A minor change to CS Cybersecurity Concentration

Sponsor: Nadimpalli Mahadev

Motion to consider AUC #3 (David Svolba, second Sara Levine)

Nadimpalli Mahadev proposed a minor change to CS Cybersecurity Concentration with the replacement of one of the required CS Electives with CSC 3450 Local Area Networks.

CSC 3450 Local Area Networks is a prerequisite for CSC 4350 Computer & Network Security. CSC 4350 is already required as part of the concentration and students are already being advised to take CSC 3450 as one of the required CSC electives for the major.

Students are already taking this course, so now it will be included as a required elective in the Cyber Security Concentration.

Vote: 17/0/0

AUC#9 – Proposal: Suspend BS in Early Childhood Ed/Early Ed and Care Program

Sponsor: Nancy Murray

Motion to consider AUC #9 (Hong Yu, second David Svolba)

Nancy Murray explained the history of low enrollment and other factors leading to this request to

suspend the Bachelor of Science in Education - Early Childhood Education/Early Education and Care Program offered through the School of Graduate, Online and Continuing Education beginning Fall 2025.

Discussion:

Charlie Roberts asked if suspension causes the program to be completely removed.

Nancy Murray explained the need to first go through the formal University governance process to suspend the program, and then go through the process required by the Commonwealth's Board of Higher Education.

Vote: 17/0/0

VI. Items from the Floor

Chrisy Devine asked if the December 19th final exam conflicts with anyone's attendance at the next meeting. Three committee members have finals that conflict with meeting. Charlie Roberts will send an online poll to determine if we will have a quorum at the December 19th meeting.

VII. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn the meeting (David Svolba, second Sara Levine)

Meeting adjourned by Charlie Roberts at 4:35pm.