

**All University Committee (AUC)**

**Thursday, November 6, 2025**

**3:30 P.M.**

**Miller Oval**

**Committee Members in Attendance:**

Franca Barricelli, Michael Burns, Steven Fiedler, Jonathan Harvey, Mathangi Krishnamurthy, Pam McCafferty, Peter Staab, Paul Weizer, and Mark Williams.

**Committee Members Absent:**

Josh Cronin, Laura Garofoli, Pat Marshall, Chisomo Phiri, and Kisha Tracy.

**Guests in Attendance:**

Ronald Kreiser, Linda LeBlanc, and Jason Talanian.

Meeting was called to order at 3:32 p.m.

**Acceptance of Subcommittee Minutes**

Motion: Paul Weizer                      Second: Mark Williams

- Academic Policy: October 14, 2025
- Curriculum: October 16, 2025

**Vote: Unanimous**

**Approval of AUC Minutes**

Motion: Michael Burns                      Second: Jonathan Harvey

AUC Meeting: October 9, 2025

Committee member noted that the section where it stated convening subcommittees, needs to swap Mark Williams name up to Academic Policy. It should be flopped (Michael down to Student Affairs and Mark up to Academic Policy).

And want to make known to the committee that now Steven Fiedler will convene Student Affairs on 11/20/2025.

**Vote: 8/0/1 (Y/N/A)**

### **Proposals to Refer to Subcommittees**

#### **Refer as noted in the AUC Agenda**

- # 7 to Student Affairs and Academic Policy
- #s 9, 11, 12, 13, 14 to Curriculum

Motion: Paul Weizer                      Second: Mark Williams

A committee member asked if AUC 12 should go to Academic Policy too? The sponsor and the AUC committee agree that AUC 12 should also go to the Academic Policy committee.

**Vote w/ change to Referral: 9/0/0**

### **RNR Proposals to Recommend for Approval**

#### **AUC 5 – “BIOL 2800: Genetics” Course Description Change**

Motion: Paul Weizer                      Second: Michael Burns

Sponsor: Ronald Krieser

This proposal we’re requesting to update the course description for BIOL 2800. It is still the same as when started in 2008 and we’ve changed the course a bit since then. It’s a course on genetics and has had new developments in the last 15-20 years. We want it to reflect in the course description the same how we’ve updated the curriculum.

**Amendments by Sponsor:** We made edits that should be reflected in the proposal. Add Genetics in front of BIO 2800. Take out the wording “Drosophila cells” in the last sentence from #11 as well.

**Vote w/ amendments: Unanimous**

**AUC 6 – “EXSS 1440: Body Shaping” Change course name and update course description**

Moton: Paul Weizer                      Second: Michael Burns

Sponsor: Jason Talanian

We’ve offered this in the course catalog since 2010. This is a course for the police program to help them get to 120 credits. We’re looking to revise the name to Fitness Training and change the course description to more up-to-date terms. This course is open to anyone. We’re listing it now as a topics course but don’t want to list it with the original title.

**Vote: Unanimous**

**AUC 8 – Add Stage 1 Review prerequisite to “EDUC 2630: Literacy in the Pre-K Classroom” and “EDUC 2640: Language Arts: Theory to Practice”**

Moton: Michael Burns                      Second: Paul Weizer

The AUC co-chair stated they had discussions with the sponsor to confirm they wanted this to go through as RNR and sponsored agreed this could be an RNR. The AUC co-chair thought it would be a substantial change and noted it was removed by AUC a few years ago.

The AUC committee discussed and agreed this is not an RNR. The AUC co-chair will let the sponsor know they need to submit the proposal the regular way.

**Vote not RNR: Unanimous**

**AUC 10 – Renumbering “HIST 2010: Constructing History” to 3000-level.**

This proposal needs approval from AUC 9. So, we will wait to go over this one.

**Proposals to Recommend for Approval**

**AUC 2 – Academic Affairs Special Committees and Changes**

Motion: Paul Weizer                      Second: Michael Burns

Sponsor: Franca Barricelli

There was an MSCA workload report and recommended to look over the number of committees. We had a process with the department chairs and looked at the number of

committees but focused on the number of seats. The past years we've had a hard time filing the number of seats for these committees.

The number of committees was not in compliance in terms of their constitutions. Committees we have by standard procedures every year have been operating without going through governance. We called them advisory committee, but they are in fact special committees by the contract. The proposal is to bring these committees in compliance by sending them to governance. There were some who did not have charge, so now they have charge language. We are also asking to extend the terms for them from 1 to 2 years. We're hoping to make continuity with the extension of the terms.

The MSCA chair says noticed we didn't but the number of committees seats in the proposal. These have never gone through governance, so if we put the number of chairs, it will have a permanent charge and permanent seats. This way they can stay ongoing until it comes thru AUC to extend it.

### **Faculty Seats**

- Crocker 5 seats
- Emeritus 2 seats
- Honors 8 seats
- OER 6 seats

**Friendly amendments to add the above number of seats and that they remain unchanged** by co-sponsor: Linda LeBlanc.

Committee member: Does that effect any fall and spring calls for nominations?

Sponsor: No, it will come from the MSCA union and then they appoint them by the contract. We can push them much sooner than waiting for everything to get constituted.

Their function is advisory, and the contract says advisory. The contract had it where advisory was for those temporary.

**Vote: Unanimous**

### **AUC 3 – ALFA Advisory Council Special Committee**

Motion: Mark Williams      Second: Paul Weizer

Sponsor: Franca Barricelli

This is creating a new committee. There was a change in organizational structure in the community ALFA body that oversees activities in that organization. There was a shift from an ALFA Board to an ALFA Council. This clearly shows it is a university organization.

It has never been in governance as organizational body so now we are putting through this ALFA Council through governance. And align it with other advisory bodies.

We sent for 2 staggered terms and we only wanted for 1 person to go through. The proposal says stagger term but there is only 1 MSCA faculty.

**Vote: Unanimous**

#### **AUC 4 – Academic Affairs Faculty and Librarian Scholarship Special Committee**

Motion: Michael Burns      Second: Paul Weizer

Sponsor: Franca Barricelli

This was separate from AUC 2 because in process of evaluating committees it recommended the combo of 2 existing committees, so it would've been too complicated.

It's combining the Harrod Committee with the Center for Faculty Scholarship (CFS) Committee which is a recent committee. One oversees the Lecture series on campus and the other is about advancing the scholarship in the university community. So, it was suggested to combine these two.

It changes the name and reduces the seats. The Harrod committee had 4 seats and the CFS committee had 8 for a combined total of 12 seats. So, with the reduction, we have 7 total seats.

**Vote: Unanimous**

#### **Update on AUC Proposal Webpage**

The AUC Co-chairs were at a meeting with IT about the AUC proposal webpage. Think the website is running on older technology. They found out that the software that runs the AUC proposal page is going to end its support of the webpage and they need to do something about it. They will take the current proposal webpage offline to the public. They have another company to reproduce the functionality of the new one. We're hoping this will happen quickly and hoping to have it up and running in January.

They put all proposals we have access through Google Drive. Anyone can access with the Fitchburg State University credentials.

**Items from the Floor**

None.

**Adjournment**

Motion: Michael Burns      Second: Paul Weizer

Meeting adjourned at 4:02 p.m.

**Vote: Unanimous**