

AUC Curriculum Committee

January 22, 2026 3:30pm-5pm
HAMM314 or online

Attendance

Present

Dr. Mary Ann Barbato - Mathematics

Dr. Karina Bautista – Humanities

Barbara Cormier – Registrar's Office

Dr. Christine Devine – Nursing

Dr. Elizabeth Gordon – Environmental, Geographic, and Public Health Sciences

Dr. Dustin Halterman – Education

Dr. Natasha Kurtonina – Computer Science

Dr. Min Li – Behavioral Sciences

Dr. Yang Liu – Business Administration

Dr. Erin Rehrig – Biology and Chemistry

Olivia Rossetti – Amelia V. Gallucci-Cirio Library (Chair)

Dr. Hildur Schilling – Psychological Science

Dr. Heather Urbanski – English Studies

Dr. Sarah Wright – Mathematics (Vice Chair)

Dr. Hong Yu – Engineering Technology

Morgan Ruel – Student Representative

Absent

Dr. Sara Levine – School of Arts and Sciences

Dr. Jannette McMenemy – School of Health and Natural Sciences

Dr. William Cortezia – Education

Dr. Christine Dee – Economics, History, and Political Sciences

Alexis Sandmann - Student Representative

Omar Elmi – Student Representative

Guests:

Dr. Jane Huang

I: Call to Order 3:35pm

II: Approval of Minutes

Vote to approve [minutes from November 20, 2025](#)

Motion: Sarah Wright; Second: Hildy Schilling

Vote: 15/0/1

III: Old Business / Announcements

Olivia reminds everyone about procedures, as outlined below:

Reminders of AUC Procedures and Practices, and hybrid meeting etiquette

- Address all comments and questions to the chair
- Please do not speak until addressed by the chair (including sponsors in response to questions)
- No member may speak a second time until all other members with comments have spoken
- All guests may speak at the discretion of the chair—members will be called on first
- Online members: please use the raise hand feature to vote and if you wish to speak

IV: New Business

IV.1 [AUC #18](#): Remove GEOG4003: GIS 2 from the Catalog and Update GEOG4000: GIS

Motion: Morgan Ruel

Second: Hildy Schilling

Sponsor: Jane Huang

There's a new generation of GIS replacing the desktop version, educational institutions no longer have licenses for the old desktop system, so it is no longer taught here. Currently have two 4000 level desktop based GIS courses - GEOG4000 is the old system and GEOG4003 is the new system that has now replaced the old. In order to streamline curriculum and remove the old system, this proposal would remove GEOG4003 and update GEOG4000 to reflect the new system.

Discussion:

Olivia notes that additional documentation was provided to show support from other departments affected by the removal of GEOG4003.

Barbara asks to clarify full list of programs affected by removal of GEOG4003; Jane responds that that the affected majors and minors are listed in the proposal

Barbara asks to confirm that GEOG4000 and GEOG4003 would be considered equivalent courses; Jane confirms that they can be considered equivalent.

Erin asks about the “no” vote in the department curriculum committee

Jane explains that the no vote that the department faculty member, Liz Gordon, suggested that GEOG4000 should be retired and GEOG4003 retained instead. Jane notes that this would result in additional curriculum updates needed and that it’s preferred for students to progress through upper level GIS courses in sequence (GEOG4000 before GEOG4001). Liz adds that it was her no vote in the department, in consideration of catalog integrity and to reflect equivalent courses on transcripts, that she suggested removing GEOG4000 and retaining GEOG4003, the way the courses are currently taught. Jane reiterates that it would require additional paperwork and is not the preferred sequencing for upper level courses.

Mary Ann asks about the SMT designation in catalog description. Barbara states that the Registrar’s office removed the old LAS designations over the summer

Vote: 14/0/2

IV.2 [AUC #17](#): Update Geographic Science and Technology (GST) Major and Minor requirements

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: Mary Ann Barbato

Sponsor: Jane Huang

Update the GST major and minor to reflect change to GIS courses, add Latin American Geography (added to catalog last year), clarify language, and add a restriction regarding the overlap of courses for double majors or minors.

No discussion

Vote: 16/0/0

IV.3 [AUC #16](#): Update GIS Minor Requirements

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: Morgan Ruel

Sponsor: Jane Huang

This proposal is to update the GIS minor by removing GEOG4003 and update the curriculum based on changes in CSC and ENGT.

Discussion:

Sarah notes that one of the courses listed is Discrete Mathematics, but only listed under CSC1900, She notes that there is a co-listed course under Mathematics (MATH1900).

Friendly amendment: Replace under electives: “CSC1900” with “CSC/MATH1900”

Natasha notes the prereq for CSC1500 (passing math placement) Jane responds that nothing in the curriculum has changed regarding CSC1500.

Vote (with friendly amendment): 15/0/1

IV.4 [AUC #15](#): Update GIS Crime Mapping & Analysis Minor requirements

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: Karina Bautista

Sponsor: Jane Huang

Proposal is to update the GIS Crime Mapping and Analysis minor with the removal of GEOG4003 and to remove the CJ internship as an elective, and clarify the policy for course overlap.

No discussion

Vote: 16/0/0

IV.5 [AUC #19](#): Update the Curriculum of Electronic Engineering Technology Minor

Motion: Hong Yu

Second: Mary Ann Barbato

Sponsor: Hong Yu

This proposal is to update the minor curriculum based on changes to the ENGT (formerly ITEC) curriculum, and attract more students.

Discussion:

Barbara notes that “course change” was selected on the proposal form (item #12), but this is a program change, so this should be updated. Most important is that the proposal needs to include the current description from the catalog and the updated description - **this should be submitted before the proposal goes to AUC.**

Natasha notes that CSC offers a Digital Electronics course as well and that Discrete Math is a prerequisite for the CSC version. Hong states that there are a series of

prereqs for the ENGT Digital Electronics course, and students have a math prereq in the other ENGT courses required for the minor (and as prereqs to ENGT3015).
Natasha suggests coordination with CSC faculty over the Digital Electronics course.

Vote: 16/0/0

V: Items from the Floor

None

VI: Motion to Adjourn

Motion: Hildy Schilling

Second: Morgan Ruel

Meeting adjourned at 4:15pm

Minutes respectfully submitted by Liz Gordon