

**University Faculty Council Meeting**  
**November 20<sup>th</sup>, 2024**  
**3:30 pm, Jepson Science Center**

Zoom link (for viewing only): <https://umw-ssso.zoom.us/j/86129211870>

I. Call to Order

II. Approval of previous meeting [minutes](#)

III. Reports

1. [President Troy Paino](#)
2. Provost Tim O'Donnell
3. College Deans  
[Keith Mellinger, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences](#)  
[Filiz Tabak, Dean of the College of Business](#)  
[Peter Kelly, Dean of the College of Education](#)
4. SGA Representative's Report (Will Thompson)
5. USC Representative's Report (Shanita Mitchell)
6. UFC Chair's Report (Davis Oldham)  
- [UFC Chair's Report to the November 15<sup>th</sup> BOV meeting](#)
7. UFC Vice-Chair's Report (Melina Patterson)
8. Faculty Senate of Virginia Report (Patricia Orozco)

IV. University Committees – minutes, reports, and action items

1. University Academic Affairs Committee
2. University Curriculum Committee  
- [November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 minutes](#)
3. University Faculty Affairs Committee  
- [October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes](#)
4. University Faculty Appeals and Grievance Committee
5. University Faculty Organization Committee
6. University General Education Committee  
- [October 28<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes](#)
7. University Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee
8. Bachelor of Liberal Studies Committee
9. University Budget Advisory Committee  
- [October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes](#)
10. Distance and Blended Learning Committee
11. First-Year Seminar Committee  
- [November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 minutes](#)
12. Honors Program Committee  
- [October 2024 minutes](#)
13. James Farmer Multicultural Committee  
- [September 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes](#)
14. Journalism Advisory Committee

15. Speaking Intensive Committee
16. Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee
17. Writing Intensive Committee
  - [October 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024 minutes](#)
18. Digital Intensive Committee
  - [November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2024 minutes](#)

## V. Unfinished Business

## VI. New Business – Committee action items

1. University Curriculum Committee
  - A. New Course Proposals
    - i. COMM 381: Hip-Hop Culture
    - ii. DGST 310: Virtual and Augmented Reality
    - iii. DGST 499: Internship, EESC 357: Sustainable Aquaculture
    - iv. ENGL 317A: Writing & Literacy in the Digital Age, and
    - v. RELG 104: Podcasting Religious Studies
  - B. Program Change Proposals
    - i. American Studies Major – add HIST 131, HIST 132, HISP 323 as electives
    - ii. International Business Major
    - iii. Journalism Minor – add DGST 303 to electives
    - iv. Music Major – change MUSC 000 from co-req to required course, add alternative to required MUTH 391
    - v. Professional Writing Minor – add ENGL 317A to electives
  - C. New Program Proposals
    - i. Education Studies minor
    - ii. Marketing Analytics minor
2. University Faculty Organization Committee
3. University General Education Committee
  - A. SPAN 320: Topics in Hispanic Culture (DGP).
  - B. RELG 101: Introduction to World Religions (DGP)
  - C. CLAS 318: Ancient Slavery and its Legacy (DGP)
  - D. IDIS 196: Applying for Opportunities Abroad (AMW)
  - E. Transfer Credit Re-Evaluation Request. BIOS 126: Environmental Science (Northampton Community College) for Natural Science with Lab GE credit. Note--the application form states that it was a 3 credit course, but the syllabus states it was a 4 credit course.
4. First-Year Seminar Committee
  - A. Two add instructor requests for Thriving in College
  - B. The Science of Sleep: Sleep Deprivation and College Life
  - C. History of Fredericksburg
  - D. Shakespeare Myths and Mysteries
  - E. The Psychology of Being a Gamer
  - F. Is ADHD a superpower?
  - G. Theatre and Spectacle

5. Honors Program Committee
  - A. HIST 322
  - B. ANTH 345
  - C. HIST 337
6. Speaking Intensive Committee
7. Writing Intensive Committee
  - A. Retroactive approval of WI for two students in PHYS 283
8. Digital Intensive Committee
  - A. COMM 370U: Sports & The Digital (Crosby)
  - B. PHYS 410: Quantum Mechanics (Makhija)

VII. New business – changes to faculty handbook

- A. Handbook change documents
  - [Handbook group report](#)
  - [Clean proposed handbook](#)
- B. Approval of proposed changes

VIII. Announcements

1. The next meeting will take place at 3:30 pm in the Digital Auditorium on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.

IX. Adjournment