

University Faculty Council Meeting
January 22nd, 2025

3:30 pm, HCC Digital Auditorium

Zoom link (for viewing only): <https://umw-ss0.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)
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 ([December 9th, 2024 minutes](#))
3. University Faculty Affairs Committee ([November 19th, 2024 minutes](#))
4. University Faculty Appeals and Grievance Committee
5. University Faculty Organization Committee
6. University General Education Committee([December 2nd, 2024 minutes](#))
7. University Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee ([December 2nd, 2024 minutes](#))
8. Bachelor of Liberal Studies Committee
9. University Budget Advisory Committee ([2024-2025 final report](#))
10. Distance and Blended Learning Committee ([November 26th, 2024 minutes](#))
11. First-Year Seminar Committee ([December 6th, 2024 minutes](#))
12. Honors Program Committee
13. James Farmer Multicultural Committee
14. Journalism Advisory Committee
15. Speaking Intensive Committee
16. Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee
17. Writing Intensive Committee
18. Digital Intensive Committee

V. Unfinished Business

1. [Changes to composition of UFC](#)

VI. New Business – Committee Action Items

1. University Curriculum Committee

New courses:

- a. ANTH 320: Sustainable Design & Permaculture
- b. ANTH 330: Ethnobotany
- c. BIOL 431: Research in RNA Technology
- d. COMM 380: Sports & Digital Media
- e. CPSC 355: C++ Programming
- f. CYBR 491: Individual Study in Cybersecurity – increase credit
- g. DGST 306: Media Production for Social Change
- h. EDUC 208: Makerspace and Maker Mindset
- i. ENGL 284: Fictions of Disability
- j. GISC 495: GISC Certificate Capstone Project
- k. PHYD 108: Pickleball
- l. PHYD 499K: Kinesiology Internship
- m. PHYS 150: Music and the Laws of Nature
- n. PHYS 271: Introductory Selected Topics in Physics
- o. RELG 350: Happiness: Here and Now
- p. SOCG 475: Public Sociology – increase credit (add 2-hour weekly lab)
- q. SPAN 395: Spanish for Law Professionals

Program change proposals:

- a. Applied Economics Major – remove ECON 375 & 460, add 462
- b. Economics Major – remove ECON 375
- c. Asian Studies Minor – add electives
- d. Biomedical Sciences Major – add and remove electives
- e. Classics: Ancient Mediterranean Studies – inactivate major
- f. Classical Archaeology Major – change requirements and add electives
- g. Classical Studies Major – revise name, add CLAS 385, edit language requirement
- h. Communication and Digital Studies Major – add several electives
- i. Contemplative Studies Minor – replace CPRD 304 with RELG/CPRD 350
- j. Computer Science Major – allow CYBR courses to count for elective credits
- k. Conservation Biology Major – reorganize major, add electives
- l. Cybersecurity Major – updates to course numbers, etc.
- m. Cybersecurity Minor – updates to course numbers, etc.
- n. Digital Studies Minor – add to electives
- o. Applied Environmental Science – title and organization
- p. Environmental Sustainability and Policy – title and organization
- q. Environmental Sustainability Minor – delete EESC 120 and 313
- r. Geographic Information Science Certificate – replace GISC 491 with 495
- s. Geography – reorganize major

- t. Geospatial Analysis – reorganize major
- u. History Major – allow 3 credits of AMST, require 12 upper-level credits
- v. Latin Major – inactivate major
- w. Leadership and Management Studies (BLS only) – add GEOG 101 to Ethics and Diversity Category
- x. Management and Entrepreneurship Major – replace MGMT 421 with 351
- y. Religious Studies – add to electives
- z. Spanish Major – reorganize major
- aa. Sports Management Minor – add COMM 380 to electives
- bb. Undergraduate Education Initial Licensure – add elective and ?
- cc. Urban Studies Minor – specify capstones and add SOCG 336 to electives

New program proposals:

- a. BS in Geospatial Analysis
- b. BS in Kinesiology

2. University General Education Committee

- a. Arts and Literature: ENGL 251VV/ENGL 284: Fictions of Disability: Arts & Literature (Chris Foss). The Committee was informed of previous approval by the Gen Ed Chair, who saved meeting time because the course was already approved as this under a previous number
- b. Transfer Credit Re-Evaluation Request: (POSC-230 – International Relations for UMW’s DGP credit. This course did transfer in as equivalent to UMW’s PSCI-102A)
- c. Transfer Credit Re-Evaluation Request: Randolph-Macon University HONR-181 – T: Cuisine in Japanese Culture for UMW’s DGP credit. This course does not currently transfer in for credit but if the DGP is approved, it will be added to the record as ELEC-NOTMJ credit.
- d. Germanna Community College GEO-220 – World Regional Geography for UMW’s DGP credit. This course did transfer in as equivalent to UMW’s GEOG-101.

3. University Faculty Affairs Committee

- a. Create a single standing University P&T Committee of 9 members, 1 from each unit (“Schools” and “Colleges”) plus 3 at-large.
- b. Craft a more detailed and expanded Section 7 of the Handbook that:
 - i. Draws out the commonalities between the 3 existing P&T appendices
 - ii. Lays out the distinct criteria that exist within the 3 existing P&T appendices and makes clear that they apply to the same departments/units that they currently do
 - iii. Lays out a process that allows departments/units to change or amend their own criteria in the future if they want to.

- iv. Makes clear that the evaluators/letter writers in each department/unit are responsible for interpreting the candidate's file in light of the criteria for the benefit of the P&T committee

4. Distance and Blended Learning Committee ([list of action items](#))

- a. BLAW 201 (All instructors)
- b. EDEL 541 (All instructors)
- c. FINC 301 (All instructors)
- d. MIST 201 (All instructors)
- e. MKTG 301 (All instructors)
- f. PSYC 242 (Dave Kolar)
- g. TESL 515 (All instructors)
- h. GBUS 551 (All instructors)
- i. NURS 490 (All instructors)

5. First-Year Seminar Committee

- a. All Fun & Games – Accept w/ Minimal Revisions
- b. Life in Virginia's Changing Climate – Accept w/ Minimal Revisions
- c. Graphic Novels and the Apocalypse – Accept w/ Minimal Revisions
- d. Globalization and Multinational Enterprise – Accept w/ Revisions

VII. New business

1. [Changes to committee structure](#)

VIII. Announcements

IX. Adjourn