

University Faculty Council Meeting
April 16th, 2025

3:30 pm, HCC Digital Auditorium

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)
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
[February 24th, 2025 minutes](#)
[March 31st, 2025 minutes](#)
2. University Curriculum Committee
[April 4th, 2025 minutes](#)
3. University Faculty Affairs Committee
[February 14th, 2025 minutes](#)
4. University Faculty Appeals and Grievance Committee
[2024-2025 report](#)
5. University Faculty Organization Committee
[March 28th, 2025 minutes](#)
6. University General Education Committee
7. University Sabbaticals, Fellowships, and Faculty Awards Committee
8. Bachelor of Liberal Studies Committee
[March 24th, 2025 minutes](#)
9. University Budget Advisory Committee
[Restructuring budget report](#)
10. Distance and Blended Learning Committee
11. First-Year Seminar Committee
[March 24th, 2025 minutes](#)
12. Honors Program Committee
13. James Farmer Multicultural Committee

[February 27th, 2025 minutes](#)

[March 27th, 2025 minutes](#)

14. Journalism Advisory Committee

15. Speaking Intensive Committee

[March 10th, 2025 minutes](#)

16. Student Affairs and Campus Life Advisory Committee:

[November 13th, 2024 minutes](#)

[February 17th, 2025 minutes](#)

[February 17th 2025, 2025 notes](#)

17. Writing Intensive Committee

18. Digital Intensive Committee

V. Unfinished Business

1. (If needed) Planning for 2025-2026 P&T / handbook discussion

- a. Temporarily expand UFAC to 6 members to include 1 member from CPSC, MATH, or ECON. This is in response to concern regarding representation of departments leaving CAS on standing committees.

Rationale:

Faculty moving to new colleges will now be represented by faculty on various committees that they have not had a say in voting for. The most significant concern is the Faculty Affairs Committee since this committee is reducing the number of members and is responsible for revising the P&T requirements - which will impact faculty in the departments who are moving colleges most significantly.

Note: This concern has been raised primarily by faculty moving to COB.

- b. Update quorum requirements in UFC Rules of Order (Appendix L)

Current version of L.3: "A quorum for UFC meetings of record is a majority of voting members that includes at least one member from each member election category (CAS, COE, COB, At-large)."

Revised version: "A quorum for UFC meetings of record is a simple majority of the UFC membership".

Rationale: The phrase "member election category" will not apply starting in the fall of 2025. The handbook generally uses a simple majority for establishing quora (see §2.4.3.3, Appendices F-H). Because the composition of UFC may change from year to year due to departmental size changes or

VI. New Business

1. Election of 2025-2026 officers
2. UCC action items

Course Change Proposals

1. ARTS 104: Digital Art Foundations – change title
2. ARTS 219: Intro to Video Art – change title
3. CPRD 108: Peacefulness: Here and Now – change number, title, description
4. MKTG 413: Marketing Analytics – cross list with GBUS 569

New Course Proposals

5. GBUS 561: Python for Business Analytics
6. GBUS 562: AI Language Models
7. GBUS 563: AI Solutions for Business
8. GBUS 564: Predictive Analytics
9. GBUS 565: Optimization and AI Planning
10. GBUS 566: Reinforcement Learning
11. GBUS 567: Data Visualization for AI-Driven Business Insights
12. GBUS 568: AI and Business Strategy
13. HIST 429: Aerospace History
14. MKTG 451: Demographics and Consumer Behavior

New Program Proposals

15. Master of Science in AI and Business Analytics
16. Graduate Certificate: AI in Business
17. Graduate Certificate: Entrepreneurial Leadership
3. [Motion](#) to replace OER with no cost / low cost (from UAAC)
See [February 2024 minutes](#) for additional discussion
Motion to update requirements to declare a major (from UAAC)
See [March 31st, 2025 minutes](#)
4. [Motion](#) to change requirements of CE designations
5. Request to designate HISP 105 as honors
6. ~~[Request](#) to rename an FSEM from February minutes (pending submission to CIM)~~ This has already been done by the committee

VII. Announcements

VIII. Adjourn