

Minutes of the University Curriculum Committee Meeting

Date: September 12, 2025

Location: Zoom Meeting

Chair: Chris Willis (elected at this meeting)

Secretary: Jennifer Walker (stand-in for Danielle Ott)

Attendance: Chris Willis, Jennifer Walker, Kevin Caffrey, Rita Dunston, Suanne Sumner, Dawn Bowen

1. New Business

1.1 Election of Chair and Secretary

- Chris Willis was unanimously elected Chair.
- Danielle Ott was unanimously elected as Chair (absent today; minutes taken by Jennifer Walker).

2. New Course Proposals

2.1 EDUC 495: Advanced Clinical Experience

Discussion focused on providing a non-licensure pathway for students who cannot complete the full internship due to grades or professional competencies. Students remain in the major and gain classroom experience but are not recommended for Virginia licensure. Opportunities include paraprofessional and private school roles. Motion passed unanimously.

2.2 CPSC 319: Red Hat System Administration

Formalizes a popular special topics course as a permanent course offering to ensure consistency. Motion passed unanimously.

2.3 CLAS 207: Study Abroad in Classics – Ancient Greece

Updated to reflect department reorganization and properly cross-listed under Classics. Motion passed unanimously.

2.4 CLAS 209: Study Abroad in Classics – Ancient Rome

Updated to reflect department reorganization and properly cross-listed under Classics. Motion passed unanimously.

2.5 IDIS 261: Global Cultural Proficiency

Course grants credit to Farmer Fellows for diversity education work. Discussion included concerns about title clarity. Committee agreed the course title is broad but acceptable. Motion passed unanimously.

3. Updated Course Proposal

3.1 CYBR 461: Cyber Certificate Studies

This was included in the agenda as mistake. The course followed the expedited 10-day process and did not come to committee.

4. Updated Program Proposals

4.1 Business Bundle: Management & Entrepreneurship, Business Administration, International Business

Clarified language for elective requirements to specify acceptable prefixes (ACCT, BLAW, BUAD, DSCI, FINC, MKTG, MGMT). This change ensures alignment with the degree audit system and removes ambiguity. Minor language change from “classes” to “business courses.” Motion passed unanimously.

4.2 MBA Curriculum Changes

Removed GBUS 525 and GBUS 526 as required courses, increasing elective credits from 6 to 12. Supports new MBA concentrations and graduate certificates in AI and Entrepreneurship, providing a pipeline for students to pursue advanced study and making the program more competitive. Motion passed unanimously.

4.3 Anthropology Major

Anthropology 101 added as a requirement. Further. There is a reduced required credit hours from 34 to 33 due to ANTH 298 change from 4 to 3 credits. The approval of the change will be noted by Kevin in CIM for ANTH 298 rather than to roll back the proposal. Motion passed unanimously.

5. Elimination of UCC Discussion

Committee discussed potential elimination of UCC. Provost reportedly prefers to retain UCC to avoid duplication and maintain cross-college oversight. Members emphasized need to keep college-level curriculum committees for accreditation. Decision: Table discussion.

6. Announcements and Next Meeting

Next meeting tentatively scheduled for October 8, 2025 (exact time TBD; likely 12–1 PM or 3–4 PM).

7. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned after approximately one hour of discussion.