

University Academic Affairs Committee Meeting Minutes

4:00 PM, Monday, February 9, 2026

In attendance:

At Large Representatives

2026 Theresa Grana, Associate Professor, BIOL, CAS, Chair

College Representatives

2028 Varun Makhija, Associate Professor, PHYS, CAS

2027 Alex Honold, Assistant Professor, COE (minute taker for this meeting)

2026 Stephen Davies, Professor, COB

Ex-Officio Members

Provost (or their designees): Associate Provost Debra Schleef

Vice President for Enrollment Management, Melissa Yakabouski (designee)

Registrar: Rita Dunston

Student non-voting representatives: Margeaux Grey, Abi Robinson

- Call to Order
- Previous meeting minutes
 - Previously approved
- Old Business -online quizzes and exam integrity
 - Clarification: we are discussing software that monitors students in lieu of taking an in-person test at a set time.
 - There had been opposition to the idea prior because some faculty thought it went against the spirit of the honor code, but now it seems more faculty are open to exploring online test monitoring.
 - Student views: realistic concerns on both sides of test monitoring debate. Guess that 30-70% are faithfully following the honor code. Students who follow the honor code would not probably not be offended by extra precaution.
 - Could propose a motion that clarifies that using these tools are not against the spirit of the honor code and are worth exploring for those interested.
 - Agreed that evidence from online monitoring alone shouldn't trigger honor code violation but should start a conversation with professor and student.
 - Chair will gather info from professors who are interested in piloting some of these tools this summer.
- New Business
 - Proposal to add the Classic Learning Test (CLT) as an option for admissions consideration
 - 70 percent of applicants apply without test scores
 - CLT is something we want to add to list of test options
 - CLT has been around 10 years
 - Students can take it remotely

- Aligned to SAT & ACT
- Source material is more classic/historic
- Scores rarely (if ever) hurt applications because of the holistic nature of our approach.
- CLT can communicate to more students what we value in education.
- **Motion approved unanimously**
- Academic catalog update recommended
- Proposal to expand test sources for demonstration of English proficiency to include beyond the TOEFL and IELTS:
 - Duolingo English Test
 - the Pearson Test of English (PTE)
 - **Tabled to next meeting**

Meeting adjourned: 4:45

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