

Council on Academic Affairs

Minutes

April 9, 2026

The April 9, 2026, meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs was held at 2:00 pm in Booth Library Witters Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. Marita Gronnvoll, Dr. Andy Parrish, Dr. Marshall Lassak, Ms. Juanita Cross, Dr. Stefan Eckert, Dr. Aimee Janssen-Robinson, Dr. Sace Elder, Ms. Emilee Boyd, and Dr. Sham'ah Md.-Yunus

Members Absent: Dr. Chris Becker

Staff Present: Ms. Patty Watson and Suzie Park

Guests Present: Mr. Brad Bennington, Dr. Shellie Gregorich, Dr. Mike Cornebise, and Dr. Chris Mitchell

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gronnvoll at 2:00 pm.

I. Approval of the March 26, 2026 CAA Meeting Minutes.

Parrish moved and Elder seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written.

II. Communications:

a. College Curriculum and General Education Committee Minutes:

None

b. Executive Actions:

None

c. Waiver reports:

None

d. Grade Appeals:

None

e. Committee Reports:

Gronnvoll attended the Booth Collaborative Advisory Board meeting and they awarded four undergraduate and three graduate research and creative works awards. She noted the Writing Center will be moving to Booth in the fall. FDIC staff will be around all summer to assist with digital accessibility that goes into effect 4/26/26.

III. Items to be added to the agenda:

1. 26-111 CRM 2770: Introduction to Forensic Science (new course)
2. 26-112 CRM 3700: Critical Criminology: An Interdisciplinary Exploration of Crime and Social Harm (new course)
3. 26-113 JOU 3120: Video Journalism: Concepts and Techniques (new course)
4. 26-114 JOU 4620: Advanced Broadcast News (new course)

5. 26-115 CMN 3520: Audio Production & Voice Work for Television & Film (revised course)
6. 26-116 CMN 4950: Workplace Relationships (revised course)
7. 26-117 JOU 3610: Broadcast News Writing (revised course)
8. 26-118 B.A. in Communication Studies (revised program)
9. 26-119 B.A. in Public Relations (revised program)
10. 26-120 B.A. in Television & Video Production (revised program)
11. 26-121 Broadcast Meteorology Minor (revised program)
12. 26-122 Deletion of Cultural Diversity Minor
13. 26-123 Communication Studies Minor (revised program)
14. 26-124 Public Relations Minor (revised program)
15. 26-125 Radio and Audio Production Minor (revised program)
16. 26-126 Strategic Social Media Minor (revised program)
17. 26-127 Video Production Minor (revised program)
18. 26-128 Journalism Major (revised program)
19. 26-129 Journalism Minor (revised program)
20. 26-130 Photojournalism Minor (revised program)
21. 26-131 Sports Media Minor (revised program)

IV. Items to be Acted Upon:

1. 26-110 Alignment of undergraduate learning goals and general education through ULG assessment. Jansson-Robinson moved and Elder seconded the proposal. Dr. Suzie Park presented the proposal. The proposal was approved as amended with one abstention.

V. Discussion Items:

None

VI. Other:

It has been brought to Gronnvoll's attention that by eliminating the Senior Seminar and more than likely many waivers being done will create a lot of work. It is necessary to do a university waiver rather than a departmental waiver for this. She noted a process to expedite this might need to be done. Farley spoke up indicating she and a group will be meeting after the CAA meeting to discuss this and try to find a resolution.

Next Thursday during CAA will be the Day of Activism in Springfield. Gronnvoll will need to know who will be in attendance at CAA to verify we will have a quorum.

Communication Studies has a full year sabbatical, and a one semester leave next fall and both are on the general education committee. They solicited a person to replace the sabbatical person, and Stephen Lucas will be the Chair of the committee during the fall semester to replace the person on leave.

Officer elections will be coming up in the next few weeks. Gronnvoll has one more year on the committee and is willing to continue as Chair unless someone else wants to do it. She would appreciate a hands-on Vice Chair to roll right into the chair position in the 2027-2028 year so be thinking about leadership and if it is for you.

VII. Pending/Tabled:

1. 26-107 PUBH 2200G: Health Citizenship (revised course) **At the April 9th meeting, the chair will ask for a motion for this item to acted upon if it has cleared the GEC.** The GEC will meet next

week so we will vote next week.

2. 26-109 Remove Senior Seminar requirement from the Undergraduate Catalog (revised catalog).

VIII. Meeting Adjournment:

Boyd moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Patty Watson