

**Council on Academic Affairs
Minutes**

September 24, 2026

The September 24, 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. Andrew Parrish, Ms. Juanita Cross, Mr. Shiloh Frederick, Dr. Sham'ah Md.-Yunus, Dr. Aura Jirau Aarroyo, Dr. Aimee Janssen-Robinson, Dr. Stefan Eckert and Dr. Sace Elder

Members Absent: Dr. Reachsak Ly

Staff Present: Ms. Patty Watson, and Dr. Holly Farley

Staff Absent: Dr. Suzie Park

Guests Present: Mr. Brad Bennington, Dr. Michael Gillespie, Bobbi Kingery, Dr. Karen Swenson, Mr. Paul Danyi and Ms. Morgan Baker

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

I. Approval of the September 10, 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:

1. April 15, 2026 minutes of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting.

b. Executive Actions:

1. September 10, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to change the course name of BIO 3155G from "Introduction to Evolutionary Medicine" to "Evolution and Current health issues."
2. September 10, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to modify course description and prerequisite information for BIO 4275: Internship
3. September 10, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to change the format of BIO 4948: Plant Taxonomy from the current format of 1-4-3 to 2-3-3, adding one hour of lecture and removing one hour of lab. Course credit does not change.
4. September 10, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to modify the elective list for the Environmental/Physical and Human Geography Options of the B.S. in Geosciences.
5. September 10, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to add Social Work majors to the list of majors that can enroll in SOC 3630:Statistical analysis of Social Data.

6. September 11, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Cameron, College of Health & Human Services, requesting executive action to remove the prerequisites for PUBH 2700, PUBH 3750, PUBH 3765, PUBH 4175, PUBH 4250, and PUBH 4770.

7. September 10, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Cameron, College of Health & Human Services, requesting executive action to change the course title of PUBH 4275A to PUBH 4275.

c. Waiver reports:

None

d. Grade Appeals:

None

e. Committee Reports:

Gronnvoll reported the International Education Council is requesting a representative for their committee from CAA. Md. Yunus volunteered.

III. Items to be added to the agenda:

1. 26-136 Waiver Rules Revision

IV. Items to be Acted Upon:

1. 26-135 PLS 2709: Model United Nations (new course) Jirau Aarroyo moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Mr. Paul Danyi presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.

V. Discussion Items:

1. NACE Career Competency Integration Pilot. Farley presented this Pilot program for faculty to learn NACE. This is not a requirement of faculty, purely volunteer. Discussion ensued with Kingery adding this is to help students learn the value of their education/degree and how to discuss it with an employer.
2. IGP 45 – With the reorganization of colleges the grade appeal committee needs a revision to the number of members. Farley noted there are currently two members from each college on the committee, but we no longer have a College of Education. CAA is going with a Teacher Prep position for their committee and thought this might be a good suggestion for the grade appeal committee as well but Gronnvoll will speak with Stephen Lucas to get his input and Frederick will speak with student government to get their feedback.

VI. Other:

None

VII. Pending/Tabled:

None

VIII. Meeting Adjournment:

Elder moved and Cross seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Patty Watson