Council on Academic Affairs Agenda
February 5, 2026
Room 4440 Booth Library @ 2:00 p.m.
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I. Approval of the January 22, 2026 CAA Meeting Minutes.

II. Communications:

a. College Curriculum Committee Minutes:

1. November 12, 2025 minutes of the College of Liberal Arts & Sciences Curriculum Committee meeting.

b. Executive Actions:

1. January 23, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Chris Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to expand the selection of elective courses in the ART: Studio Art Option (B.A.) for both the 2D and 3D emphases. For the 2D emphasis, add ART 3940: History of Graphic Design, to the Art History electives. For the 3D emphasis, add FMD 2243: Apparel construction, to the 3D Studio Art elective list.
2. January 23, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Chris Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to add FMD 4926: Visual Merchandising, to the elective options for the ART: Graphic Design Option (B.F.A.) curriculum.
3. January 23, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Chris Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to expand selection of elective courses in the Art with Teacher Licensure Option (B.F.A.) to include specific options for the Fashion Merchandising program (housed in the Department of Art & Design).
4. January 22, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mike Cornebise, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to add an alternate prerequisite (BIO 2291: Anatomy and Physiology I, Honors) as an "or" option with the current BIO 2210: Anatomy and Physiology I, prerequisite for BIO 2220: Anatomy and Physiology II.
5. January 22, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mike Cornebise, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to change the name of BIO 4816 from "Study of Biotic Communities" to "Aquatic Techniques." Change the course description of BIO 4816 and remove a prerequisite (BIO 4810).
6. January 23, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Chris Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to change the course title and course description for CMN 2010 (currently CMN 2010: Introduction to Communication Theories) to CMN 2010: Approaches to Communication. Also change the catalog description to more accurately describe how the course is currently taught.
7. January 23, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Chris Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to update the course description of JOU 2001G: Journalism & Democracy to more accurately reflect current instruction of the course.
8. November 18, 2025 memorandum from Associate Dean Jill Hutti, College of Health and Human Services, requesting executive action to modify prerequisites for KSR 3340, KSR 3720, KSR 3860, KSR 4440, KSR 4450, and KSR 4460.
9. November 17, 2025 memorandum from Associate Dean Jill Hutti, College of Health and Human Services, requesting executive action to remove major/minor restriction to the course HSL 3850: Child and Adolescent Development.

c. Waiver reports:

None

d. Grade Appeals:

None

e. Committee reports:

None

III. Items to be Added to the Agenda:

None

IV. Items to be Acted Upon:

1. 26-004 Fashion Merchandizing major (revised program)
2. 26-005 CMN 2040: Critical Analysis: Everyone's a Critic (revised course)
3. 26-006 CMN 2920G: Strategic Communication & Advocacy in Today's World (revised course)
4. 26-007 CMN 3640: Interpersonal Communication (revised course)
5. 26-008 CMN 3650: Organizational Communication (revised course)

6. 26-009 CMN 3710G: Communication Across Differences (revised course)
7. 26-010 CMN 3960: Public Relations Writing & Content Creation (revised course)
8. 26-011 CMN 4460: Professional Development in Communication and Public Relations (revised course)
9. 26-012 CMN 4980: Social and Digital Media Analytics (new course)
10. 26-013 JOU 2101: News Reporting and Writing (revised course)
11. 26-014 JOU 3000: Advanced Reporting (revised course)
12. 26-015 JOU 3001: Photojournalism (revised course)
13. 26-016 JOU 3110: Visual Journalism: Concepts & Techniques (new course)
14. 26-017 JOU 3302: Multiplatform Editing (new course)
15. 26-018 JOU 4102: Feature Writing (new course)
16. 26-019 JOU 4751: Advanced Photojournalism (revised course)
17. 26-020 Proposal to create SCJ prefix
18. 26-021 SCJ 1000G: Media Literacy in the 21st Century (new course)
19. 26-022 SCJ 2000: Digital Content Creation and Engagement (new course)
20. 26-023 SCJ 3000: Workplace and Professional Communication (new course)
21. 26-024 Deletion of the B.S. In Health communication

VI. Discussion items:
None

VII. Other:
None

VIII. Pending:
None

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Curriculum Approval Process Website: http://castle.eiu.edu/acaffair/Curriculum/

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