



Undergraduate Academic Affairs Sub-Committee Minutes

Thursday, December 11, 2025 - 9:00 am – 10:30 am

Vitale Board Room

Chaifetz School of Business

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, E. Baker, K. Crews, T. James, J. Haugen, S. Lee, D. Manos, C. McGroarty, S. Nickell, H. Reiter, L. Russell (for G. Barker), S. Sell, S. Tyuse, A. Zampaulo

Absent/Excused: E. Crowell, V. Murugan, J. Nichols, R. Rosenberg

- I. Approval of Meeting Minutes – November 13, 2025
Motion to approve minutes was put forth by Scott Sell and seconded by Steve Nickell. All in favor -- Minutes were approved by the committee.
- II. Academic Program(s):
 - Majors
 - Chaifetz School of Business (CSB) –New Major -- Business Administration, BS (CIM 834) with 15 concentrations – closing nine majors that will transition to concentrations. CSB explains the reason for this change is to ensure students complete 75% of major courses at SLU. Currently the residency rule requires 50% of major course work to be completed at SLU. Concentrations require 75% of course work to be completed at SLU. The major coursework residency policy for business would allow students to transfer 40 credits from another institution, which could articulate with all major required courses. Alternative option recommendations include: 1) a review of the curriculum; 2) faculty to review current transfer articulations; 3) allow a more open approach to the core courses that students can take which would also reduce the strain on CAS for some of the *required* core courses. Concerns: 1) Enrollment Management expressed concern as market analysis indicates decreased enrollment and visibility; 2) the academic catalog will have one-page for major vs individual pages for each major; 3) athletics prefer an individual major module; 4) the change moves the major to one assessment model

from many; 5) Sophia (student rep) reported that students feel a loss of identity and have concerns about employment opportunities. Students prefer the specificity in majors; 6) The CSB SGA Reps have asked Sophia to set up a meeting with Dean Nickerson and the VP of EM, Jean Marie Cox; 7) Fifteen concentrations in one major is overwhelming.

Tracy James' Comments: The reason that necessitates this change is the change in the transfer credit policy for undergraduate majors which has unwanted consequences. Because of the articulation language in the policy, students can graduate without upper-level course work at SLU. This is a structural problem.

The proposed change protects the integrity of these upper-level courses. Our benchmark institutions (Washington Univ., University of Michigan, University of North Carolina, Indiana University, UT-Austin, Georgia, Florida and Mizzou) offer a BSBA with concentrations. This structure should not affect market perception or enrollment. There is no correlation (cause & effect) from an enrollment perspective going back to Fall 2016 to suggest that the current enrollment numbers will decrease. Faculty overwhelmingly approved this change with only two dissenting.

Dr. Dorsey clarified some of the conversations above:

- The “transfer policy” does not articulate what transfers to SLU, faculty determine transfer course articulations.
- Undergraduate definitions and residency rules have not changed.
- EM provides official market analysis for new majors.
- The Core benefits our students in shaping our students in the formative development process.

The committee voted to table this proposed change until the January 2026 meeting where they will learn the outcome of the student meeting with the Dean and VP.

o School of Science and Engineering

- o Computer Science + Art, B.A. (CIM 808)
- o Computer Science + Sociology, B.A. (CIM 836)
- o Computer Science + Health Information Management, B.A. (CIM 837)
- o Computer Science + Computer Engineering, B.A. (CIM 838)
- o Computer Science + Neuroscience, B.A. (CIM 839)
- o Computer Science + Philosophy, B.A. (CIM 840)

- o Computer Science + Psychology, B.A. (CIM 841)

Motion to approve all the above was put forth by Andre Zampaulo and seconded by Cristina McGroarty. Approved by all in attendance.

- Concentrations – All nested in the new Business Administration, B.S.
 - o Accounting (CIM 788)
 - o Public Accounting (CIM 797)
 - o Accounting Consulting and Advisory (CIM 798)
 - o Business Technology Management (CIM 789)
 - o Analytics and Enterprise Systems (CIM 799)
 - o Economics (CIM 790)
 - o Entrepreneurship (CIM 791)
 - o Finance (CIM 792)
 - o Financial Analysis (CIM 800)
 - o Financial Planning (CIM 801)
 - o Real Estate Finance (CIM 802)
 - o International Business (CIM 793)
 - o Leadership and Human Resources Management (CIM 794)
 - o Marketing (CIM 795)
 - o Sports Business (CIM 796)
- Micro-credential
 - o Medieval Latin (CIM 775) – 6 required courses preparing students for advanced level Latin. Motion to approve was put forth by Scott Sell and seconded by Steve Nickell. Approved by all in attendance.
- Certificates
 - o None

- ABM

- School of Science and Engineering

- o Computer Science, B.A. to Computer Science, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 503) – Madrid
 - o Computer Science, B.A. to Artificial Intelligence, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 502) - Madrid
 - o Computer Science, B.S. to Artificial Intelligence, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 506) - Madrid
 - o Computer Science, B.S. to Computer Science, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 507) – Madrid
 - o Graduate faculty status in Madrid is being reviewed and implemented to teach at the 5000 level. Motion to approve was put forth by Kyle Crews and seconded by Tracy James. Approved by all in attendance.

- School of Social Work

- o Bachelor's to Master of Social Work, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 828)
 - o Bachelor's to Criminology and Criminal Justice, M.A. Accelerated Program (CIM 831)

- o Bachelor's to Applied Behavior Analysis, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 832)

The committee is tabling a vote until the January 2026 meeting. Questions such as GPA requirements, good standing definition, minimum threshold, certain % to be completed before starting the graduate level courses need to be addressed.

- Informational Items – none

III. Old Business: Academic Program Proposal and Policy Approvals/Closures - None

- Academic Programs
 - o Cannabis Science and Operations Minor (CIM 383) – closure. Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Cannabis Science and Operations Certificate (CIM 384) – closure. Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Italian Studies Minor (CIM 118) – closure. Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Russian Area Studies (CIM 157) – closure. Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Spanish, Beginning (CIM 785) - Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Spanish, Advanced (CIM 786) - Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Geography and Environment (CIM 781) - Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Mental Health and Society (CIM 782) - Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Social Research Methods (CIM 783) - Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Philosophy, B.A. To M.A. (CIM 758) - Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Biomedical Engineering B.S. to Biomedical Engineering, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 807) - Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Spanish, B.A. to Spanish Education, M.A. (CIM 669) – closure. Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Spanish, B.A. to M.A. (CIM 121) closure (*STL campus only*) – geographic substantive change. Will go to CADD and the Provost on 12-17-25.
 - o Meteorology, B.S. (CIM 541) – closure – passed BoT on December 5, 2025.
 - o Biostatistics, B.S. (CIM 463) – closure - passed BoT on December 5, 2025.

IV. Policy Review: none

V. Discussion Item: none

VI. Announcements: Next UAAC Sub Committee Meeting January 15, 2026