



Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

November 6, 2025

9:00 am – 10:30 am

PML 010

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, E. Baker, G. Barker, M. Cope, K. Crews, E. Crowell, P. Dotson, Stephanie Dugan (for J. Cox), J. Haugen, T. James, S. Lee, D. Manos, C. McGroarty, G. Merys, N. Mispagel, V. Murugan, S. Nickell, B. Perlman, H. Reiter, S. Sell, L. Sweetman, S. Tyuse, A. Zampaulo

Absent/Excused: J. Nichols, R. Rosenberg

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes – October 2, 2025

- A motion to approve minutes was put forth by Sabrina Tyuse and second by Steve Nickell. All in attendance approved.

II. Academic Programs:

- Majors - None
- Minors
 - Cannabis Science and Operations (CIM 383) – Voluntary Closure. Closure is due to declining enrollment from Fall 2023, low graduation rates, and increased DFW rates. A teach-out plan is in place for students to complete by Summer 2026.
 - Italian Studies Minor (CIM 118) Voluntary Closure. No students or faculty in this minor. Teach-out plan is not necessary.
 - Russian Area Studies (CIM 157) – Voluntary Closure. One student is remaining in the program, and an individual completion plan has been designed for this student.
- Concentrations – none
- Micro-credentials
 - Spanish, Beginning (CIM 785) and Spanish, Advanced (CIM 786). The Intermediate Spanish micro-credential was approved in 2023. The program is proposing a Beginning and Advanced credential similar to French and German.
 - Geography and Environment (CIM 781) This micro-credential (9 credits) facilitates diverse perspectives by engaging students in the geographical,

sociological, and anthropological study of the environment.

- Mental Health and Society (CIM 782) This micro-credential (9 credits) is from the same department and has been developed to engage students in the sociological and anthropological study of mental health.
- Social Research Methods (CIM 783) This micro-credential offers students the opportunity to develop/deepen their research skills in sociology and anthropology.
- Certificates
 - Cannabis Science and Operations (CIM 382) – Voluntary Closure. For the same reasons as the minor.
- ABM
 - Philosophy, BA to MA (CIM 758). The Registrar will work with CAS to update language in CIM around eligibility to be admitted.
 - Biomedical Engineering BS to Biomedical Engineering MS Accelerated Program (CIM 807). In year 4, students are required to do a capstone project at the 5000 level. External accreditation requires a capstone experience. The capstone will parallel to the project research thesis in year 5. The graduate class is acting as an undergraduate capstone; therefore, there needs to be a solution for meeting core requirements. Is it possible to offer the capstone with a bridge to the ABM? Scott will address these questions and be prepared to respond to the UAAC subcommittee committee November 13.
 - Spanish, BA to Spanish Education, MA (CIM 669). Voluntary closure due to low enrollment. Teach-out plans are in place.
 - Spanish, BA to MA (CIM 121). Voluntary closure due to low enrollment. One year teach-out plan is in place. Madrid will continue to offer this ABM. It is sunsetting only on the STL campus.

III. Old Business: Academic Program Proposal and Policy Approvals/Closures

- Biostatistics (CIM 463) – closure - approved by CADD and the Provost on 5-20-25. Will go to the BoT in December 2025.
- Meteorology, B.S. (CIM 541) – closure - approved by CADD and the Provost on 10-29-25. Will go to the BoT in December 2025.
- Meteorology, Minor (CIM 542) – closure - approved by CADD and the Provost on 10-29-25. No further approval is needed.
- Culinary Arts (CIM 722) – approved by CADD and the Provost on 10-29-25. No further approval is needed.
- Biostatistics, B.S. to Biostatistics and Health Analytics, M.S. - ABM · closure - approved by CADD and the Provost on 10-29-25. No further approval is needed.
- Biostatistics, B.S. to Biostatistics and Health Data Science, M.S. - ABM - closure - approved by CADD and the Provost on 10-29-25. No further approval is needed.

IV. Policy Review for AY 25-26: Dr. Dorsey

- Micro-credential – proposed revised language for section 4.0 Definitions for Academic Micro-credential:

We propose the following language – Remove: “All coursework must be completed after the creation of the micro-credential.” Replace – “no matter how long ago a current degree-seeking SLU student has taken the courses in the micro-credential even if they took the courses prior to the formation of the micro-credential they can get the credential as long as they declare it prior to graduation.” There will be no retroactive credentialing for students who have graduated. A motion to approve revisions was put forth by Sabrina Tyuse and seconded by Ellen Crowell. All members are in favor.

- Course extension policy - "I" Grade Policy. Suggested revisions:
 - Revisit one-year extension. Too many outstanding I's can set a student up for failure.
 - Limit the credits to 14.
 - Resolved "I" grade prior to the following Fall registration.
 - 90 days is enough time.
 - Faculty can ask for an extension (who do they appeal to).
 - Insert a caveat to address space and specific environmental facilities.

V. Discussion Item:

- Language Allowance for Testing Multilingual Learners. Optional Syllabus Statement. UAAD will review at November meeting.
- Policy on Class Recording – Dr. Lohe is looking for feedback by November 30th. Draft policy is posted on the UAAC drive.

VI. Announcements:

The next UAAC meeting is December 4, 2025.