



Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

October 2, 2025

9:00 am – 10:30 am

Vitale Board Room - 340

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, E. Baker, G. Barker, M. Cope, J. Cox, K. Crews, 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: E. Crowell, P. Dotson, J. Haugen, J. Nichols, R. Rosenberg

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

- I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – September 4, 2025
 - A motion to approve minutes was put forth by Kyle Crews and second by Scott Sell. All in attendance approved.
- II. **Academic Programs:**
 - Majors
 - Meteorology, BS (CIM 541) – Closure
Due to impending faculty retirements, all programs in Meteorology, BS, Minor, MS and PhD are moving into Voluntary closure. There are no plans to hire new faculty in meteorology after faculty retire, so the department of Earth, Environmental, and Geospatial Science will not be able to teach the courses. The teach-out plan is choreographed to allow for the majors who entered Fall 2025 as first-year students and those students currently enrolled in the major to graduate in Spring 2029.
 - Minors
 - Meteorology, Minor (CIM 542) – Voluntary Closure
 - Concentrations – none
 - Micro-credentials – none
 - Certificates – none
 - ABM - none
- III. **Old Business: Academic Program Proposal and Policy Approvals – None**
- IV. **Policy Review for AY 25-26: Dr. Dorsey**

- Micro-credential – per discussion regarding possible course substitutions, see the proposed revised language for section 4.0 Definitions for Academic Micro-credential:
 - ~~Due to the~~ *A small number of credits required, therefore course substitutions are not allowed, and all coursework must be completed at Saint Louis University or an approved study-abroad. Students who ~~that~~ are enrolled as UG or GR degree-seeking students at the time the micro-credential is created may count completed coursework toward the new micro-credential.*
 - However, after discussion additional queries were proposed by the committee including:
 - How does this work for ABM students. They are still degree-seeking students. Once the UG is conferred they are no longer eligible - no look back as a graduate or an alum.
 - How does this apply to micro-credentials offered at both UG and GR levels?
 - Can competency be noted on a transcript?
- Priority Registration – We need to decide, “where does SLU stand and what does priority registration look like at SLU?” Last year, a new cohort registration system was put in place and worked well, as reported by stakeholders, for Fall 2025. Priority registration was built into the new process - can/should priority registration remain?

We currently provide priority registration for upward of 2000 students in the following buckets: CADR (may be required by federal law) approx. 40; Honors (500) not required; however, is considered a “national” privilege” and important for recruiting; Athletics (400+) logistics and scheduling are the considerations; RISE (360-380) not a necessity but nice to have for students that are commuters and may have unreliable internet; Veterans (300) not required, however, if no longer available to students, we have been requested to notify the VA; and Study Abroad (50) timing differential. Have we created inequities? It was noted other majors across campus such as, theatre students, also have demanding schedules and yet do not receive priority registration.

Sophia Lee presented the following discussion points from SGA regarding priority registration:

- Pro – Priority Registration is the primary benefit of being an honor student. If it is taken away, you may see a decrease in enrollment and retention.
 - CON – Viewed as showing favoritism to honors and Athletes taking away from those who need it.
- "I" Grade Policy - Need to review timeline. The current policy states the instructor gets a year to replace the I grade. Peggy suggests removing the academic probation bullet for UG and GR and adding a bullet – “undergraduate students with two or more “I” grades at the beginning of the semester are limited to 14 credit hours for current term. That said, what happens if an “I” is cleared in the

first few weeks of the semester? Who monitors that?

V. **Discussion Item:** None

VI. **Announcements:** Lisa Dorsey

- The next UAAC meeting is November 6, 2025.