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Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

September 4, 2025
9:00 am – 10:30 am
Vitale Board Room - 340

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, E. Baker, G. Barker, M. Cope, K. Crews, E. Crowell, P. Dotson, J. Haugen, S. Lee, D. Manos, C. McGroarty, G. Merys, N. Mispagel, S. Nickell, F. Niederman, H. Reiter, S. Sell, Leah Sweetman, S. Tyuse, A. Zampaulo

Absent/Excused: J. Cox, V. Murugan, J. Nichols, B. Perlman, R. Rosenberg

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

I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – May 1, 2025
- A motion to approve minutes was put forth by Sabrina Tyuse and second by Scott Sell. Four members abstained: S. Lee, C. McGroarty, S. Nickell, H. Reiter. All others in attendance approved.

II. **Introduction of new members for 2025 and 2026.**
- New Members
   - Sophia Lee – SGA
   - Cristina McGroarty – Valentine School of Nursing
   - Stephen Nickell, Doisy College of Health Sciences
   - Holly Reiter – Libraries and Museums

III. **Accreditation overview – Marissa Cope, Assessment Director**
- There are two types of accreditation -- Specialized/Programmatic/ Disciplinary – specifically driven by professional organizations that accredit disciplines. There are 50 programs at SLU with this type of accreditation being reviewed every 5, 7 and 10 years with interim monitoring. The second type of accreditation is Institutional. The Higher Learning Commission (HLC) is the primary assessment accreditation for the University since 1916 and assures compliance to receive access to federal financial aid and federal grant funds. HLC identifies things we should be doing with the university determining the best process to achieve the results. In Fall 2021 the university received re-accreditation for 10 years with a interim review of improvement to APR process and how outcomes are used, and assessment of the core curriculum. A four-year on-line assurance review will take place on November 3, 2025.

New criteria for HLC accreditation effective September 1, 2025:

- Criterion 1: Mission
- Criterion 2: Integrity: Ethical and Responsible Conduct
  2. a. Academic integrity policy, transparency – web, catalog (not handbook) and degree audits
- Criterion 3: Teaching and Learning for Student Success
  3. a. focus on goals and outcomes; dual listing – appropriate level of rigor
- Criterion 4: Sustainability: Institutional Effectiveness, Resources, and Planning
  4. a. Strategic Plan and the new process.

Assumed Practices – is a set of practices (in alignment with the new criteria for HLC) shared by institutions of higher education in the US. Every institution is expected to be in compliance at all times.

New highlight:
Programs, Courses, and Credits

a. The institution conforms to commonly accepted minimum program length: 60 semester credits for associate's degrees, 120 semester credits for bachelor's degrees, and 30 semester credits beyond the bachelor's for master's degrees. Variations must be explained and justified.
b. Regarding 90-credit or three-year bachelor's degree…HLC refers to them as "reduced-credit" programs. This would require an application for substantive change and require a visit. The Provost's Office is working on a process to begin university discussions about these types of degrees.

IV. **Academic Programs:**

- Majors - none
- Minors
  o Culinary Arts (CIM 722)- This minor was reviewed by the committee in January and sent back to the college to build upon by using the minor as an enhancement for complementary majors, e.g., business. With revisions, the support of the Dean, and an increase in interest from students, the program is moving the minor forward.
    - The minor will comprise five 3-credit hour courses, or 15 credits total. Students will take three required courses and two electives. These are existing courses in the Department of Nutrition and Dietetics; no new courses need to be created. This is an option for all students across campus.
    - The committee questioned the GPA requirement of a 2.0 -- this will limit access for first semester freshmen. Steve Nickell will follow up with the N&D program prior to the subcommittee meeting next week. Additionally, the requirement of a student to be enrolled in the Nutrition and Dietetics major will be removed from all courses associated with the new Culinary Arts minor.

- Concentrations – none
- Micro-credentials – none
- Certificates – none

- ABM
  - Biostatistics, B.S. to Health Data Science, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 462) – closure
    - UAAC previously approved the voluntary closure of the BS-Biostatistics program for Fall 2025 resulting in the closure of the accelerated program with the M.S. Health Data Science.
    - B.S. Biostatistics/M.S. Health Data Science Teach-out Plan -UAAC previously approved the BS-Biostatistics program to be sunset after AY2025-2026. As a result, the accelerated program with the M.S. Health Data Science will also be closed.
    - There is no teach-out needed for the accelerated program because:
      a. There are currently 0 students enrolled in the accelerated B.S. Biostatistics/M.S. Health Data Science accelerated program. The teach-out for the B.S. Biostatistics was submitted (and approved by UAAC) previously.
      b. Because there are no students in this accelerated program with the M.S. Health Data Science, the program will be closed effective 2026-2027.
  - Biostatistics, B.S. to Biostatistics and Health Analytics, M.S. Accelerated Program (CIM 464) – closure
    - UAAC previously approved the voluntary closure of the BS-Biostatistics program after AY2025-2026 resulting in the closure of the accelerated program with the M.S. Biostatistics & Health Analytics. Current BS-Biostats students will be able to apply to the program their junior year.
    - Teach-out Plan - Students will not be able to enroll in the BS-Biostatistics after Fall 2025. There is no teach-out needed for the accelerated program because:
      - The teach-out for the B.S. Biostatistics was submitted (and approved by UAAC) previously.
      - The M.S. Biostatistics and Health Analytics itself isn't closing for traditional graduate applicants.
  - Informational Items:
    - As of July 1, 2025, the Department of Languages, Literatures, and Cultures has a new name – the Department of Linguistics, Literatures, and Cultures.

V. **Old Business: Academic Program Proposal and Policy Approvals – Dr. Dorsey**
- Academic Programs
  - Biostatistics (CIM 463) – closure - passed by CADD and the Provost on 5-20-25. Will go to the BoT in September 2025.
  - Anthropology Minor (CIM 169) – Madrid – substantive change - passed by CADD and the Provost on 5-20-25. No further approval required.
  - Fundamentals of Additive Manufacturing, Design, and Analysis (CIM 771) – Micro-credential - passed by CADD and the Provost on 5-20-25. No further approval required.
  - Religious Literacy for Professionals (CIM 770) - Micro-credential - passed by CADD and the Provost on 5-20-25. No further approval required.
- Academic Policies
  - Credit by Exam – passed by CADD and the Provost on 5-20-25. No further approval required.
  - Undergraduate Transfer Credit Articulation Policy - passed by CADD and the Provost on 5-20-25 with a revision to a 9-credit max. No further approval required. Fall 2025 starts.

- o Prerequisite Course Policy – reviewed by CADD and the Provost, pulled as a policy. The Office of the Registrar will implement the operations as identified in the policy.
- o University Undergraduate Academic Standing Policy - passed by CADD and the Provost on 6-17-25. Friendly amendments per CADD included the integration of Madrid language/process. No further approval required.
- o Leave of Absence Policy – passed by CADD and the Provost on 6-17-25 with integration of Madrid language as well as a reference to the University Undergraduate Transfer Credit Policy vs specific credit per semester language. No further approval required.
- o Academic Program Review Manual Revisions - passed by CADD and the Provost on 6-17-25. No further approval required.
- o Off Campus Enrollment Policy – reviewed by CADD and the Provost, pulled as a policy. The Office of the Registrar will implement the operations as identified on Form 7 for Off Campus Enrollment.
- o Dual Listed Policy – did not pass May 2025 GAAC, was presented at May CADD for discussion. Additional data review and discussion are underway.

VI. **Policy Review for AY 25-26: Dr. Dorsey**
- Micro-credential*
  - o The following query was raised – are course substitutions allowed for micro-credentials?
    - Course substitutions are not allowed due to the small # of courses required.
    - New language suggestion: "Due to the small number of credits required, course substitutions are not allowed, and all coursework must be completed at Saint Louis University. and a All coursework must be completed after the creation of the micro-credential."
    - The last sentence of revised language above raised the following query: can a student who took the courses over the past 2 years and are now seniors declare a micro-credential that was just created (and they have met all of the requirements)? Need to revisit at our October meeting.
- Priority Registration*
- Repeat Grade Policy (also for grad)*
- Attendance Policy - Bereavement (also for grad)*
- "I" Grade Policy (also for grad)*
- Dual Listed Policy (also for grad)
- Cross Listed Policy (also for grad)
- Teaching Away Policy
- 6 Credit Limit for UG students
- Academic Affairs Appeal Policy (also for grad)
- Grade Appeal Policy (also for grad)
- Course Waitlist Policy (also for grad)
- Undergraduate Overload Policy

VII. **Discussion Item:** None

VIII. **Announcements: Lisa Dorsey**
- A reminder that all UG programs must meet the core requirements. If you have questions as to how to get there, please reach out of Liz Burke and Ellen Crowell.

- Last year the UAAC committee approved 24 programs at SLU across all colleges and schools; 10 academic policies were approved, 5 program closures and several substantive changes expanding to the Madrid campus. As a point of clarification -- The UAAC group approves policies and the UAAC Subcommittee approves programs.
- All catalog entries are due in the second week of December for the Fall 2026 catalog. No exceptions will be made.
- The next UAAC meeting is October 2, 2025.