



University Council

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – 2025-2026

Susan Sanchez, Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Julie Campbell

Arts and Sciences – Casie LeGette (Arts)

Paula Lemons (Sciences)

Business – Andrew Miller

Ecology – Amanda Rugenski

Education – Amy Murphy, Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett substituting

Engineering – David Stooksbury, absent

Environment and Design – Katherine Melcher, Ryan Wright substituting

Family and Consumer Sciences – Melissa Landers-Potts

Forestry and Natural Resources – Richard Chandler, Elizabeth Pienaar substituting

Journalism and Mass Communication – Yan Jin, Stephen Jiwanmall substituting

Law – Joe Miller

Medicine – Erica Brownfield

Pharmacy – Duc Do

Public and International Affairs – Ryan Powers

Public Health – Heather Padilla

Social Work – Jennifer Elkins, Gaurav Sinha substituting

Veterinary Medicine – Paul Eubig, Shannon Hostetter substituting

Graduate School – Rodney Mauricio, absent

Ex-Officio – Provost Benjamin Ayers

Undergraduate Student Representative – Ella Colker, Wyatt Williams substituting

Graduate Student Representative – Yaw Buabeng

Guests:

Lea Campbell

Ellyn Evans

Mario Erasmo

Lily Kreindler

Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

The University Curriculum Committee met on April 17, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in 207 Holmes-Hunter Academic Building.

Minutes of the March 6, 2026, University Curriculum Committee meeting were approved.

The committee unanimously approved the following proposals, which were forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration:

- Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Humanities

- Proposal to deactivate the major in Special Education (B.S.Ed.) online
- Proposal to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Proposal to terminate the Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.) on the Buckhead campus only

The committee discussed the Resolution Regarding an Academic Progress Snapshot from the Student Government Association. Following discussion of the proposal, a motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the proposal was approved. The proposal was forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration.

The committee discussed a proposal to revise Policy 01.04.020, Grades. During the discussion, a motion was made to revise the proposed language of the policy. The motion to revise the language was seconded. A vote was taken and the revised language was approved. A motion to approve the proposal to revise Policy 01.04.020, Grades, was then made and seconded. A vote was taken and the proposal was approved. The proposal was forwarded to the Executive Committee of the University Council for consideration.

The committee unanimously approved a proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy with Equivalency under the Master of Music (M.M.) degree and a proposal to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy to the Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy Advanced Standing under the Master of Music (M.M.) degree.

The committee unanimously approved a proposal to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Research-Oriented Learning Design under the major in Learning, Design, and Technology (M.Ed.) on the Athens campus only.

The committee unanimously approved a proposal to revise Policy 01.04.005, Course Approval Process, to accommodate the School of Medicine's accreditation requirements.

Dr. Melissa Landers-Potts was elected as University Curriculum Committee Chair for the 2026-2027 academic year.

The committee was provided information concerning how to submit courses to satisfy the new General Education Curriculum effective fall 2027.

The following information items were presented to the committee:

A request to add a thesis option to the Master of Music (M.M.) degree was administratively approved.

The Institutional Competencies Subcommittee met on February 20, 2026; March 4, 2026; March 17, 2026; April 1, 2026; and April 14, 2026. The subcommittee approved 192 courses and 9 activities to satisfy one or more of the six Institutional Competencies (IC) and did not approve 129 courses.

The General Education Subcommittee met on April 1, 2026, and approved the following course to satisfy the current General Education Core Requirements:

Area V, Social Sciences

ENGR 2510, Interconnections of Engineering, Global Cultures, and Societies

The General Education Subcommittee approved the following courses to satisfy the new General Education Core Requirements effective fall 2027:

Explore Global Issues and Their Solutions

INTL 3200/E/H, Introduction to International Relations

Explore the Reasoning Behind Ethical Decisions

FCID 1001/H, Ethics and the Human Experience

The General Education Subcommittee considered the following course and provided feedback to the associated unit so that the course could be revised as needed to meet the learning outcomes of the new General Education Core Curriculum upon resubmission.

Explore Global Issues and Their Solutions

INTL 2005, Pop Culture and World Politics

The General Education Subcommittee began their review of the list of courses approved to satisfy requirements in the current General Education Core Curriculum, with the intention of mapping appropriate courses to the new General Education Core Curriculum, effective fall 2027. Letters with approvals and denials will be provided to the appropriate schools and colleges at the end of the full review process.

The meeting adjourned at 4:24 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Susan Sanchez', is positioned above the printed name.

Susan Sanchez, Chair

cc: Provost Benjamin Ayers

Dr. Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

Appendix A - Motion/Seconds

Approval of the March 6, 2026, University Curriculum Committee minutes

- Motion: Andrew Miller
- Second: Erica Brownfield
- Unanimously approved

Proposals for the following changes under the Master of Music (M.M.) degree: Proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy With Equivalency; Proposal to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy to the Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy

Advanced Standing

- Motion: Paula Lemons
- Second: Ryan Powers
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the Area of Emphasis in Research-Oriented Learning Design under the major in Learning, Design, and Technology (M.Ed.) on the Athens campus only

- Motion: Paula Lemons
- Second: Andrew Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Applied Humanities

- Motion: Ryan Powers
- Second: Joe Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to deactivate the major in Special Education (B.S.Ed.) online

- Motion: Casie LeGette
- Second: Yaw Buabeng
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the Graduate Certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Motion: Joe Miller
- Second: Melissa Landers-Potts
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the Master in the Study of Law (M.S.L.) on the Buckhead campus only

- Motion: Paula Lemons
- Second: Joe Miller
- Unanimously approved

A Resolution Regarding an Academic Progress Snapshot

- Motion: Joe Miller
- Second: Erica Brownfield
- Motion was approved; vote appears in Appendix B

Proposal to revise the proposed language of the revision to Policy 01.04.020, Grades

- Motion: Joe Miller
- Second: Andrew Miller
- Motion was approved; vote appears in Appendix C

Revision of Policy 01.04.020, Grades

- Motion: Joe Miller
- Second: Andrew Miller
- Motion was approved; vote appears in Appendix D

Revision of Policy 01.04.005, Course Approval Process

- Motion: Duc Do
- Second: Paula Lemons
- Unanimously approved

Appendix B
A Resolution Regarding an Academic Progress Snapshot

Brownfield, Erica	Yes
Buabeng, Yaw	Yes
Campbell, Julie	No
Do, Duc	Yes
Hostetter, Shannon <i>substitute for Paul Eubig</i>	Yes
Jiwanmall, Stephen <i>substitute for Yan Jin</i>	Yes
Landers-Potts, Melissa	Yes
LeGette, Casie	Yes
Lemons, Paula	Yes
Mauricio, Rodney	Absent
Miller, Andrew	Yes
Miller, Joe	Yes
Neuharth-Pritchett, Stacey <i>substitute for Amy Murphy</i>	Yes
Padilla, Heather	Yes
Pienaar, Elizabeth <i>substitute for Richard Chandler</i>	Yes
Powers, Ryan	Yes
Rugenski, Amanda	Yes
Sinha, Gaurav <i>substitute for Jennifer Elkins</i>	Yes
Stooksbury, David	Absent
Williams, Wyatt <i>substitute for Ella Colker</i>	Yes
Wright, Ryan <i>substitute for Katherine Melcher</i>	Yes

No: 1

Yes: 18

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

Appendix C
Proposal to revise the proposed language of the revision to Policy 01.04.020, Grades

Brownfield, Erica	Yes
Buabeng, Yaw	Yes
Campbell, Julie	No
Do, Duc	Yes
Hostetter, Shannon <i>substitute for Paul Eubig</i>	Yes
Jiwanmall, Stephen <i>substitute for Yan Jin</i>	Yes
Landers-Potts, Melissa	Yes
LeGette, Casie	Yes
Lemons, Paula	Yes
Mauricio, Rodney	Absent
Miller, Andrew	Yes
Miller, Joe	Yes
Neuharth-Pritchett, Stacey <i>substitute for Amy Murphy</i>	Yes
Padilla, Heather	Yes
Pienaar, Elizabeth <i>substitute for Richard Chandler</i>	Yes
Powers, Ryan	Yes
Rugenski, Amanda	Yes
Sinha, Gaurav <i>substitute for Jennifer Elkins</i>	Yes
Stooksbury, David	Absent
Williams, Wyatt <i>substitute for Ella Colker</i>	Yes
Wright, Ryan <i>substitute for Katherine Melcher</i>	Yes

No: 1

Yes: 18

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2

Appendix D
Revision of Policy 01.04.020, Grades

Brownfield, Erica	Yes
Buabeng, Yaw	Yes
Campbell, Julie	No
Do, Duc	Yes
Hostetter, Shannon <i>substitute for Paul Eubig</i>	Yes
Jiwanmall, Stephen <i>substitute for Yan Jin</i>	Yes
Landers-Potts, Melissa	Yes
LeGette, Casie	Yes
Lemons, Paula	Yes
Mauricio, Rodney	Absent
Miller, Andrew	Yes
Miller, Joe	Yes
Neuharth-Pritchett, Stacey <i>substitute for Amy Murphy</i>	Yes
Padilla, Heather	Yes
Pienaar, Elizabeth <i>substitute for Richard Chandler</i>	Yes
Powers, Ryan	Yes
Rugenski, Amanda	Yes
Sinha, Gaurav <i>substitute for Jennifer Elkins</i>	Yes
Stooksbury, David	Absent
Williams, Wyatt <i>substitute for Ella Colker</i>	Yes
Wright, Ryan <i>substitute for Katherine Melcher</i>	Yes

No: 1

Yes: 18

Abstain: 0

Absent: 2