



University Council

UNIVERSITY CURRICULUM COMMITTEE – 2026-2027

Rodney Mauricio, Chair

Agricultural and Environmental Sciences – Julie Campbell

Arts and Sciences – Casie LeGette (Arts)

Erin Dolan (Sciences), Amy Medlock substituting

Business – Andrew Miller

Ecology – Amanda Rugenski

Education – Melissa Freeman

Engineering – David Stooksbury

Environment and Design – Ryan Wright

Family and Consumer Sciences – Melissa Landers-Potts

Forestry and Natural Resources – Richard Chandler

Journalism and Mass Communication – Welch Suggs

Law – Joe Miller

Medicine – Erica Brownfield

Pharmacy – Duc Do

Public and International Affairs – Ryan Powers

Public Health – Heather Padilla

Social Work – Jennifer Elkins

Veterinary Medicine – Paul Eubig

Graduate School – Stacey Neuharth-Pritchett

Ex-Officio – Interim Provost Ron Walcott

Undergraduate Student Representative – David Nelson

Graduate Student Representative – Ankush Sharma, absent

Guests:

Lea Campbell

Dean Kopsell

Frederick Maier

Aaron Meskin

Erin Moore

Lisa Nolan

Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

Steve Salaga

Phil Shan

Julie Spivey

Bill Vencill

Canaan Whitfield-Cargile

Brock Woodson

The University Curriculum Committee met on August 21, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in 207 Holmes-Hunter Academic Building.

Minutes of the April 17, 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 a Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence – Forestry
- Proposal to terminate the major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies (B.S.A.)
- Proposal to terminate the major in Middle Grades Education (B.S.Ed.)
- Proposal to reorganize the School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural, and Mechanical Engineering within the College of Engineering

The committee discussed a proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Sports Humanities. 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 unanimously approved a proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Textiles and an Area of Emphasis in Visual Communication under the major in Art: Interdisciplinary Art (A.B.).

The committee discussed a proposal to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Fabric Design under the major in Art (B.F.A.) to the Area of Emphasis in Textiles. Following discussion of the proposal, a motion to approve was made and seconded. A vote was taken and the proposal was approved.

The committee unanimously approved a proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Clinical Veterinary Training and Research under the major in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S., Thesis).

The committee discussed the CAPA voting process. The committee requested that a formal proposal regarding revisions to the established CAPA voting process be brought before the committee for a vote.

The committee elected the following course approval subcommittee chairs:

- Paul Eubig, Chair of the Physical Sciences and Mathematics subcommittee
- Julie Campbell, Chair of the Biological Sciences subcommittee
- Casie LeGette, Chair of the Social Sciences subcommittee
- Melissa Landers-Potts, Chair of the Humanities and Fine Arts subcommittee
- Welch Suggs, Chair of the Other Professional Courses subcommittee

Chair Rodney Mauricio provided an update on ongoing committee work and issued a call for members of the three standing subcommittees: Experiential Learning, General Education, and Institutional Competencies.

The following information items were presented to the committee:

A request to add a non-thesis option to the major in Sociology (M.A.) was administratively approved.

The administrative home of the following course prefixes and academic programs was moved from the Department of Religion in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences to the Department of Comparative Literature and Intercultural Studies in the Franklin College of Arts and Sciences.

- ARAB, Arabic
- HEBR, Hebrew
- Arabic (A.B.)
- Minor in Hebrew Language and Literature

The Institutional Competencies Subcommittee met on June 4, 2026; June 23, 2026; June 29, 2026; July 20, 2026; July 23, 2026; and July 30, 2026. The subcommittee approved 22 courses and 37 activities to satisfy one or more of the six Institutional Competencies (IC) and did not approve 11 courses and 3 activities.

The Experiential Learning Subcommittee met on May 4, 2026, and approved the following courses and non-credit activities to be included in the Experiential Learning Implementation Plans for various schools/colleges/units:

Agricultural and Applied Economics Ambassador Program (*Leadership; CAES*)
MARS 4900, Internship in Marine Sciences (*Internship; Arts and Sciences*)
RBIO 3920, Regenerative Bioscience Internship II (*Internship; CAES*)
RELI(POLS)(INTL) 4699, Religion and Politics Internship (*Internship; Arts and Sciences*)
UGA Libraries Communications Internship (*Internship; University Libraries*)
VPHY(PHRM) 4380/6380, Human-Centered Design and Technology in Healthcare (*Creative; Pharmacy*)
Weather and Emergency Management at Major Campus Events (*Internship; Finance and Administration*)

The Experiential Learning Subcommittee denied the following courses to satisfy the Experiential Learning Requirement:

RELI 4560/6560, Religion and Art (*Research; Arts and Sciences*)

VPHY(PHRM) 4360/6360, Artificial Intelligence in Healthcare: Applications Across Disciplines (*Creative: Pharmacy*)
VPHY(PHRM) 4370/6370, Advanced AI and Behavioral Analytics in Healthcare (*Research; Pharmacy*)
VPHY(PHRM) 4390/6390, Ethics, Policy, and Leadership in AI and Health Technology (*Leadership; Pharmacy*)

The Cultural Diversity Subcommittee met on April 30, 2026, and approved the following course to satisfy the Cultural Diversity Requirement:

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
ENGL 3240, Asian American Literature and Culture

The Cultural Diversity Subcommittee denied the following courses to satisfy the Cultural Diversity Requirement:

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences
GEOG 1130, Introduction to World Geography

In preparation for the revised General Education Core Curriculum, courses submitted to the Cultural Diversity and Environmental Awareness Subcommittees will be considered by the General Education Subcommittee instead as of the 2026-2027 academic year forward.

The General Education Subcommittee also met on April 29, 2026; May 6, 2026; June 16, 2026; June 17, 2026; July 1, 2026; July 7, 2026; and July 8, 2026, to conduct a review of the current General Education Core Curriculum. Mapping of courses to the new areas of the revised General Education Core Curriculum is ongoing. A complete list of courses approved for the revised General Education Core Curriculum will be provided at a later date once this information has been released to the appropriate academic units.

The meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.



Rodney Mauricio, Chair

cc: Interim Provost Ron Walcott
Dr. Marisa Anne Pagnattaro

Appendix A - Motion/Seconds

Approval of the April 17, 2026, University Curriculum Committee minutes

- Motion: Erica Brownfield
- Second: Ryan Powers
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for the following areas of emphasis under the major in Art: Interdisciplinary Art (A.B.): Area of Emphasis in Textiles; Area of Emphasis in Visual Communication

- Motion: Melissa Freeman
- Second: Andrew Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Fabric Design under the major in Art (B.F.A.) to the Area of Emphasis in Textiles

- Motion: Ryan Wright
- Second: Casie LeGette
- Motion was approved; vote appears in Appendix B

Proposal for an Area of Emphasis in Clinical Veterinary Training and Research under the major in Comparative Biomedical Sciences (M.S., Thesis)

- Motion: Paul Eubig
- Second: Ryan Powers
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for a Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence – Forestry

- Motion: Joe Miller
- Second: Richard Chandler
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the major in Honors Interdisciplinary Studies (B.S.A.)

- Motion: Welch Suggs
- Second: Andrew Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to terminate the major in Middle Grades Education (B.S.Ed.)

- Motion: Julie Campbell
- Second: Heather Padilla
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to reorganize the School of Environmental, Civil, Agricultural, and Mechanical Engineering within the College of Engineering

- Motion: David Stooksbury
- Second: Joe Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Sports Humanities

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

Appendix B
**Proposal to change the name of the Area of Emphasis in Fabric Design under the major
in Art (B.F.A.) to the Area of Emphasis in Textiles**

Brownfield, Erica	Yes
Campbell, Julie	Yes
Chandler, Richard	Yes
Do, Duc	Yes
Elkins, Jennifer	Yes
Eubig, Paul	Yes
Freeman, Melissa	Yes
Landers-Potts, Melissa	No
LeGette, Casie	Yes
Medlock, Amy <i>substitute for Erin Dolan</i>	Yes
Miller, Andrew	Yes
Miller, Joe	Yes
Nelson, David	Yes
Neuharth-Pritchett, Stacey	Yes
Padilla, Heather	Yes
Powers, Ryan	Yes
Rugenski, Amanda	Yes
Sharma, Ankush	Absent
Stooksbury, David	Yes
Suggs, Welch	Yes
Wright, Ryan	Yes

No: 1

Yes: 19

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1

Appendix C
Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Sports Humanities

Brownfield, Erica	No
Campbell, Julie	No
Chandler, Richard	Yes
Do, Duc	No
Elkins, Jennifer	No
Eubig, Paul	No
Freeman, Melissa	No
Landers-Potts, Melissa	No
LeGette, Casie	Yes
Mauricio, Rodney	Yes
Medlock, Amy <i>substitute for Erin Dolan</i>	Yes
Miller, Andrew	No
Miller, Joe	Yes
Nelson, David	Abstain
Neuharth-Pritchett, Stacey	No
Padilla, Heather	Yes
Powers, Ryan	Yes
Rugenski, Amanda	Yes
Sharma, Ankush	Absent
Stooksbury, David	Yes
Suggs, Welch	Yes
Wright, Ryan	Abstain

No: 9

Yes: 10

Abstain: 2

Absent: 1