



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

Engineering – David Stooksbury, absent

Environment and Design – Katherine Melcher

Family and Consumer Sciences – Melissa Landers-Potts

Forestry and Natural Resources – Richard Chandler

Journalism and Mass Communication – Yan Jin

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, Valerie Ryman substituting

Graduate School – Rodney Mauricio

Ex-Officio – Provost Benjamin Ayers

Undergraduate Student Representative – Ella Colker, Luke Switzer substituting

Graduate Student Representative – Yaw Buabeng

Guests:

Lea Campbell

Daniela Di Iorio

Gaylen Edwards

Ellyn Evans

Jessica Holt

Rhett Jackson

Frederick Maier

Stacey Neuharth-

Pritchett

Scott Noakes

Laurie Reitsema

Marni Shindelman

Michael Usher

Jennifer Waldeck

Jennifer Walker

The University Curriculum Committee met on January 16, 2026, at 3:30 p.m. in 207 Holmes-Hunter Academic Building.

Minutes of the October 17, 2025, 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 Minor in Forensic Science
- Proposal for a Minor in Scientific Diving
- Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence – Language, Minds, and Machines
- Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Health Humanities: Health, Arts, and Society
- Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Industrial Bioscience Skills
- Proposal to deactivate the Minor in Biomedical Physiology

The committee considered a proposal to change the degree designation for the following majors in the Mary Frances Early College of Education from Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) to Bachelor of Science (B.S.): Communication Sciences and Disorders, Exercise and Sport Science, Sport Management. 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 to establish AP credit guidelines for Precalculus.

The committee unanimously approved a proposal for the following new areas of emphasis under the major in Agricultural and Environmental Science Communication (B.S.A.):

- Area of Emphasis in Digital Communication Strategies
- Area of Emphasis in Policy Communication
- Area of Emphasis in Strategic and Organizational Communication

The committee unanimously approved a proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Theoretical Mathematics under the major in Mathematics (B.S.).

The committee unanimously approved a proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences under the major in Forestry and Natural Resources (M.S., Ph.D.).

The committee unanimously approved a proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology under the major in Education (Ed.S.) online.

The committee unanimously approved a proposal to revise the High-Demand Selection Criteria of the Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy under the major in Music (B.Mus.).

The following information items were presented to the committee:

The Institutional Competencies subcommittee met on October 30, 2025; November 12, 2025; November 20, 2025; December 4, 2025; December 5, 2025; and December 9, 2025. The subcommittee approved 257 courses and did not approve 104 courses to satisfy one or more of the six Institutional Competencies. The subcommittee approved 12 activities and did not approve 3 activities to satisfy one or more of the six Institutional Competencies.

The Experiential Learning Subcommittee met on November 24, 2025, and approved the following courses and non-credit activities to be included in the Experiential Learning Implementation Plans for various schools/colleges/units:

- ANTH 4780/6780, Evolution, Conservation, and the Arts (ECA) (*Creative; Arts and Sciences*)
- Athens Area Community Foundation Fellowship (*Internship; OVPI*)
- ATHICA Internship Program (*Internship; OVPI*)
- Camp Highland Internship Experience (*Internship; OVPI*)
- CBIO 3410L, Laboratory in Cellular and Developmental Biology (*Research; Arts and Sciences*)
- CMLT 4060/6060, Global Chinese Foodways (*Global; Arts and Sciences*)
- Foundations in Veterinary Ethics and Professional Responsibility (*Service; OVPI*)
- Impact and Innovation Across the Nation (*Global; OVPI*)
- MGMT 4290, Supply Chain Consulting (*Leadership; Terry*)
- MUSI 4755/6755, Guitar Ensemble (*Creative; Arts and Sciences*)
- POLS 5150, Applied Politics Internship (*Internship; SPIA*)
- POLS 5151, Applied Politics Internship Research (*Research; SPIA*)
- POLS 5152, Applied Politics Internship Analytical and Applied Projects (*Internship; SPIA*)
- POLS 5160, Washington Semester Internship (*Internship; SPIA*)
- POLS 5161, Washington Semester Internship Research (*Research; SPIA*)
- POLS 5162, Washington Semester Internship Analytical Essays (*Internship; SPIA*)
- RELI 5772/7772, Language Teaching Practicum (*Internship; Arts and Sciences*)
- Student Success in Libraries Internship (*Internship; University Libraries*)
- UCBC Cares Volunteer Program (*Service; OVPI*)
- VPHY 4050, Peer-Learning Assistants in Physiology (*Leadership; Veterinary Medicine*)

The General Education Subcommittee met on December 9, 2025, and approved the following courses to satisfy the General Education Core Requirements:

Area V, Social Sciences

GEOL 1000, Water and Civilization

The General Education Subcommittee denied the following courses to satisfy the General Education Core Requirements:

Area II, Physical Sciences

GEOL 1000, Water and Civilization

GEOL 1001, Natural Hazards

Area II, Life Sciences

GEOL 1120/E, Environmental Geoscience and Sustainability

GEOL 1121/E/H, Earth Processes and Environments

GEOL 1122/H, Earth's History of Life and Global Change

GEOL 1250-1250L, Physical Geology

GEOL 1260-1260L, Foundations of Earth Systems History: Life, Climate, and Environmental Change

Area III, Quantitative Reasoning

GEOL 1121/E/H, Earth Processes and Environments

GEOL 1250-1250L, Physical Geology

Area IV, World Languages and Culture

GEOL 1000, Water and Civilization

Area V, Social Sciences

AGCM 2200, Communicating in Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

GEOL 1120/E, Environmental Geoscience and Sustainability

The Cultural Diversity Subcommittee met on November 10, 2025, and approved the following courses to satisfy the Cultural Diversity Requirement:

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

WMST 2010, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies

WMST 2010H, Introduction to Women's and Gender Studies (Honors)

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

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

FDST(ALDR) 2050, The Impact of Food on World History and Culture

The Environmental Awareness Subcommittee met on November 12, 2025, and approved the following courses to satisfy the Environmental Awareness Requirement:

College of Agricultural and Environmental Sciences

ENTO(BIOL) 2010, Insects and the Environment

ENTO 2010E, Insects and the Environment

Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

GEOG 2010H, Introduction to Human Geography (Honors)

The meeting adjourned at 3:52 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 Pagnattaro

## Appendix A - Motion/Seconds

Approval of the October 17, 2025, University Curriculum Committee minutes:

- Motion: Rodney Mauricio
- Second: Ryan Powers
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to establish AP Credit for Precalculus

- Motion: Rodney Mauricio
- Second: Casie LeGette
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for the following new areas of emphasis under the major in Agricultural and Environmental Science Communication (B.S.A.): Area of Emphasis in Digital Communication Strategies; Area of Emphasis in Policy Communication; Area of Emphasis in Strategic and Organizational Communication

- Motion: Andrew Miller
- Second: Casie LeGette
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Theoretical Mathematics under the major in Mathematics (B.S.)

- Motion: Rodney Mauricio
- Second: Joe Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Fisheries and Aquatic Sciences under the major in Forestry and Natural Resources (M.S., Ph.D.)

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

Proposal for a new Area of Emphasis in Speech-Language Pathology under the major in Education (Ed.S.) online

- Motion: Jennifer Elkins
- Second: Joe Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to revise the High-Demand Selection Criteria of the Area of Emphasis in Music Therapy under the major in Music (B.Mus.)

- Motion: Erica Brownfield

- Second: Ryan Powers
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for a Minor in Forensic Science

- Motion: Joe Miller
- Second: Andrew Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for a Minor in Scientific Diving

- Motion: Casie LeGette
- Second: Ryan Powers
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence – Language, Minds, and Machines

- Motion: Paula Lemons
- Second: Luke Switzer
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Health Humanities: Health, Arts, and Society

- Motion: Andrew Miller
- Second: Joe Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal for an Undergraduate Certificate in Industrial Bioscience Skills

- Motion: Andrew Miller
- Second: Joe Miller
- Unanimously approved

Proposal to change the degree designation for the following majors in the Mary Frances Early College of Education from Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) to Bachelor of Science (B.S.): Communication Sciences and Disorders; Exercise and Sport Science; Sport Management

- Motion: Heather Padilla
- Second: Ryan Powers
- Motion was approved; vote appears in Appendix B

Proposal to deactivate the Minor in Biomedical Physiology

- Motion: Rodney Mauricio
- Second: Jennifer Elkins
- Unanimously approved

## Appendix B

**Proposal to change the degree designation for the following majors in the Mary Frances Early College of Education from Bachelor of Science in Education (B.S.Ed.) to Bachelor of Science (B.S.): Communication Sciences and Disorders; Exercise and Sport Science; Sport Management**

Brownfield, Erica	Yes
Buabeng, Yaw	Yes
Campbell, Julie	Yes
Chandler, Richard	Yes
Do, Duc	Yes
Elkins, Jennifer	Yes
Jin, Yan	Yes
Landers-Potts, Melissa	Yes
LeGette, Casie	Yes
Lemons, Paula	Yes
Mauricio, Rodney	No
Melcher, Katherine	Yes
Miller, Andrew	Yes
Miller, Joe	Yes
Murphy, Amy	Yes
Padilla, Heather	Yes
Powers, Ryan	Yes
Rugenski, Amanda	Yes
Ryman, Valerie <i>substitute for Paul Eubig</i>	Yes
Stooksbury, David	Absent
Switzer, Luke <i>substitute for Ella Colker</i>	Yes

No: 1

Yes: 19

Abstain: 0

Absent: 1