

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes

3:05 – 4:30 p.m. Room: HOV 105

Date: January 21, 2026

Members (15 voting (8 quorum)—14 present, 1 absent):

Elke Altenburger	Joshua Newport
Nicole Anderson	Philip Pulley
Kristin Carlson	Matt Saner
Fuxia Cheng	Liz Sattler
Niharika Dayyala	Robbie Shorter
Amy Hurd (executive secretary)	Lexi Smith
Kathryn Jasper	Lisa Tranel

Absent:

Xiaoying Zhao

Attendees:

Theresa Sanchez, UCC Secretary
Eric Peterson, GEO
Brittney Vietti, POL
Ella Elghammer, SWK
Gardenia Harris, SWK
Dimitrios Nikolaou, ECO

1. **Convene:** 3:07 pm by Newport
2. **Introduction of members/attendees:**
3. **Minutes: Nov 19, 2025 meeting.** No corrections; accepted as distributed.
4. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Legal Studies Minor (Revise Minor)—Tranel, Saner**

Tranel explained the changes in this minor. The change is clear, removing two required courses and adding two elective courses. Saner asked for clarification on the number of courses and where those hours moved to; Vietti answered. No issues were found.

Tranel made a motion to approve this proposal. Shorter seconded. Thirteen in favor, none opposed, one abstained. The motion passed.

- b. **Social Work (Revise Major)—Newport, Shorter**

Newport discussed this proposal. Only one change was made, adding another course option for the required PSY 110. Members discussed this change and justification for it.

Newport made a motion to approve this proposal. Sattler seconded. Thirteen in favor, none opposed, one abstained. The motion passed.

c. Economics [BA/BS](#) (New Sequences)—Carlson, Smith

Carlson described the two new sequences in the Economics major. Carlson had a question about how students will be advised in regard to which 400-level course they should take based on each of the sequences; Nikolaou explained how that will happen and what elective options there are. Cheng had an additional question about the statistics options, and Nikolaou clarified those options. Hurd asked about business courses in the MBA-related sequence, as there appeared to be none. Nikolaou explained that MBA will accept some of the noted 400-level ECO elective courses as electives in the MBA program. Sattler asked if trends in education were leading to more ECO to Business paths like this; Nikolaou noted that its split across institutions—in some ECO is a social science like here at ISU, in others it is in business schools. He went on to explain the potential benefits of these sequences. No further issues were found.

Carlson made a motion to approve both the BA and BS proposals. Cheng seconded. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

d. [Geology](#) (Revise Sequences)—Sattler, Dayyala

Dayyala discussed this major revision to all sequences in Geology. Sattler had questions about each sequence; Peterson answered these. Some questions involved structure of lists related to how they are built in Coursedog. Peterson approved Sanchez to make each of these edits as they were discussed. Questions about total hours for each were also discussed; Peterson concurred with the reviewers' numbers by the end of the meeting, and approved Sanchez to make those edits as well.

Sattler made a motion to approve this proposal pending discussed edits. Dayyala seconded. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

5. Liaison Reports:

a. Council on General Education (Shorter)

Hurd reported that the council discussed the new general education program moving up a year to begin 2027-2028. There is an influx of related course proposals; more are expected.

b. Council for Teacher Education (Hurd)

Hurd—CTE has not met; no report.

6. Miscellaneous:

Sanchez had some notes about meeting in the new room, cancelling the 1-28 meeting, and making plans for minutes when they will not be in the 2-4 meeting.

7. **Adjournment:** Shorter at 4:09 pm. Cheng seconded.

Upcoming Meetings/Proposal Reviews:

Feb 4, 2026—Legal Studies BA/BS