

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes

3:05 – 4:30 p.m. Room: HOV 105

Date: February 4, 2026

Members (15 voting (8 quorum)—12 present, 3 absent):

Elke Altenburger
Fuxia Cheng
Niharika Dayyala
Amy Hurd (executive secretary)
Kathryn Jasper
Joshua Newport

Philip Pulley
Liz Sattler
Robbie Shorter
Lexi Smith
Lisa Tranel
Xiaoying Zhao

Absent:

Nicole Anderson
Kristin Carlson
Matt Saner

Attendees:

Salil Bavdekar, Mechanical Engineering

1. **Convene:** 3:05 pm by Newport
2. **Introduction of members/attendees:**
3. **Minutes: (00) meeting.** No corrections; accepted as distributed OR with edits.
4. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Legal Studies BA/BS (Revise Program)—Zhao, Anderson**

The Legal Studies program proposed removing LGS 371 as a required course due to a course merger. To maintain degree credit requirements and provide greater flexibility, the program requested adding three elective credit hours in place of LGS 371 for both the B.A. and B.S. degrees.

Zhao made a motion to approve this proposal. Cheng seconded. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

- b. **Mechanical Engineering (Revise Program)—Altenburger, Pulley**

It was noted that MEC 218 had been omitted from the original Mechanical Engineering proposal. Although the catalog copy reflected a total of 98 credit hours, this course was missing from the listed requirements. Adding MEC 218 aligns the proposal with the 98-credit total. The committee also discussed challenges locating MEC courses due to alphabetization practices in the catalog.

Smith made a motion to approve this proposal. Altenburger seconded. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

5. Liaison Reports:

a. Council on General Education (Shorter)

Shorter provided a summary of course proposals reviewed at the recent CGE meeting.

b. Council for Teacher Education (Hurd)

No report.

6. Miscellaneous:

Hurd informed the committee that only one proposal is scheduled for review next week and asked whether members were in favor of canceling the meeting. Members expressed unanimous support for cancellation.

7. Adjournment: Cheng at 3:40 pm. Shorter seconded.

Upcoming Meetings/Proposal Reviews as of 2-5-2026:

2-18-2026: [PSY Minor](#) (Revise Minor)—Cheng, Jasper