

Undergraduate Curriculum Committee Minutes

3:05 – 4:30 p.m. Room: HOV 105

Date: April 15, 2026

Members (15 voting (8 quorum)—10 present, 5 absent):

Elke Altenburger
Kristin Carlson
Fuxia Cheng
Kathryn Jasper
Joshua Newport

Philip Pulley
Matt Saner
Liz Sattler
Robbie Shorter
Lisa Tranel

Absent:

Nicole Anderson
Niharika Dayyala
Amy Hurd (executive secretary)
Lexi Smith
Xiaoying Zhao

Attendees:

Theresa Sanchez, UCC Secretary
Laura Edwards, LAN
Alejandro Enriquez, LAN
Julie Lynd, Land

1. **Convene:** 3:07 pm by Newport
2. **Introduction of members/attendees:**
3. **Minutes: March 25, 2026 meeting.** No corrections; accepted as distributed.
4. **Action Items:**
 - a. **Language and Culture Studies—new major—Cheng, Newport**

Cheng gave an overview of the new major, and the opportunities it will provide for students. They asked about the motivation for the major. Edwards explains why the department moved this way; Enriquez gave additional context. Newport explained their review of the proposal, and said they were happy to see how streamlined it was. Newport asked about language in the elective lines. After some discussion, Edwards and Enriquez authorized Sanchez to add language in each sequence to clarify the elective concerns. Cheng asked about expected numbers in the major; Lynd and Edwards discussed this.

Newport made a motion to approve this proposal with the approved minor edits. Shorter seconded. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

b. Exercise Science—2 new sequences—Carlson, Jasper

Carlson explained the proposals for two new accelerated sequences. Sanchez asked about there being no 400-level courses either required or given as elective options in the sequence itself; they are only listed as recommended in a notes section but at least one must be in major requirements. Sattler will take notes back to the authors. Newport will route the proposal back to the author for edits, and UCC will review again in the fall.

Newport made a motion to table this proposal. Carlson seconded. All in favor, none opposed, none abstained. The motion passed.

5. Liaison Reports:

a. Council on General Education (Shorter)
Shorter gave a brief report of courses recently reviewed.

b. Council for Teacher Education (Hurd)
No report.

6. Miscellaneous:

--committee membership next year—several seats will be vacant for fall, and Senate will need to replace those.
--as this is the last meeting, minutes will be distributed and a 2-week window will be given for edits. After that, the minutes will be considered accepted as distributed or with those edits.
--Sanchez will send a poll to current members about meeting space, to help with planning for next year.

7. Adjournment: Shorter at 3:59 pm. Newport seconded.

Upcoming Meetings/Proposal Reviews:

This was the final meeting for the 25-26 school year.