

**Council on Academic Affairs
Minutes**

March 12, 2026

The March 12, 2026, meeting of the Council on Academic Affairs was held at 2:00 pm in Booth Library Witters Conference Room.

Members Present: Dr. Marita Gronnvoll, Dr. Andy Parrish, Dr. Marshall Lassak, Ms. Juanita Cross, Dr. Stefan Eckert, Dr. Sham'ah Md.-Yunus, Dr. Aimee Janssen-Robinson, Dr. Sace Elder, Ms. Emilee Boyd and Dr. Chris Becker

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Ms. Patty Watson, Holly Farley and Suzie Park

Guests Present: Dr. Andrew Mertz, Mr. Brad Bennington, Dr. Julie Dietz, Dr. Nora Heist, Dr. Mike Cornebise, Mr. Greg Aydt and Ms. Jennifer Reed

The meeting was called to order by Chair Gronnvoll at 2:00 pm.

I. Approval of the March 5, 2026 CAA Meeting Minutes.

Elder moved and Eckert seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written.

II. Communications:

a. College Curriculum and General Education Committee Minutes:

None

b. Executive Actions:

1. February 2, 2026 memorandum from Dr. Padmaraju, TLF Curriculum Committee, requesting executive action to add hybrid and online delivery to ELE 3350, ELE 4880, ELE 3290, ELE 4280.

c. Waiver reports:

None

d. Grade Appeals:

None

e. Committee Reports:

Gronnvoll attended the Booth Collaborative Advisory committee meeting. Media Mayhem is coming up, which used to be the book sale and this year it will include media. The event will be held on April 15th. April 1st the committee will start looking at the Excellence in Research applications.

III. Items to be added to the agenda:

1. 26-094 CTE 4913: Organization and Administration of Work-Based Learning Education (revised course)
2. 26-095 CTE 4923: Work-Based Learning Techniques for Illinois Work-Based Learning Education (revised course)
3. 26-096 ELE 4280 content Area Reading in the Elementary and Middle Levels (revised course)

4. 26-097 ELE 48801: Diagnostic and Prescriptive Reading Instruction (revised course)
5. 26-098 ELE 4775: Language and Language Arts in Early Childhood (revised course)
6. 26-099 Add BSW to list of degrees in the UG Catalog (catalog revision)

IV. Items to be Acted Upon:

1. 26-089 Revised course proposal form. Cross moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Gronnvoll and Eckert presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
2. 26-090 MUS 3592G: Global Music, Honors (revised course) Becker moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Eckert presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
3. 26-091 MUS 3562G: Global Music (revised course) Parrish moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Eckert presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
4. 26-092 MAT 2245G: Integrated Elementary Statistics (new course) Eckert moved and Elder seconded the proposal. Dr. Andrew Mertz presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
5. 26-093 CSM 2050G: Introduction to Data Sciences (new course) Boyd moved and Eckert seconded the proposal. Dr. Andrew Mertz presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as written.

V. Discussion Items:

1. Senior Seminar Mission – Dr. Nora Heist from the General Education Committee presented the elimination of the senior seminar requirement for graduation.
2. GEC Pathways Pilot Program – tabled until next meeting

VI. Other:

Faculty Laureate Committee volunteers needed. Parrish, Eckert and Boyd volunteered and will ask last year's winner to be a part of the selection committee as well.

VII. Pending:

None

VIII. Meeting Adjournment:

Parrish moved and Elder seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:33 pm.

Minutes prepared by Ms. Patty Watson