

**Council on Academic Affairs  
Minutes**

March 26, 2026

The March 26, 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. Aimee Janssen-Robinson, Dr. Sace Elder, Ms. Emilee Boyd and Dr. Chris Becker

**Members Absent:** Dr. Sham'ah Md.-Yunus

**Staff Present:** Ms. Patty Watson, and Suzie Park

**Guests Present:** Mr. Brad Bennington, Dr. Nora Heist, Dr. Mike Cornebise, Dr. Ed Wherle, Dr. Amy Davis and Ms. Gail Turner-Brock

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

**I. Approval of the March 12, 2026 CAA Meeting Minutes.**

Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the motion to approve the minutes as written.

**II. Communications:**

**a. College Curriculum and General Education Committee Minutes:**

1. September 11, 2025 minutes of the College of Health & Human Services Curriculum Committee meeting.
2. October 10, 2025 minutes of the College of Health & Human Services Curriculum Committee meeting.
3. November 13, 2025 minutes of the College of Health & Human Services Curriculum Committee meeting.
4. January 13, 2026 minutes of the College of Health & Human Services Curriculum Committee meeting.
5. February 10, 2026 minutes of the College of Health & Human Services Curriculum Committee meeting.

**b. Executive Actions:**

1. March 12, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Arts & Sciences requesting executive action to change the course title of CMN 4540, from "Television & Video Production IV" to "Long-Form Television Production & Filmmaking," and to change the prerequisite courses from CMN 2550 and CMN 3540 to CMN 3050.
2. March 12, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to change the course title of CMN 4770 from "Television Criticism" to "Television Narratives, Structures, & Characters," and update the course description to read: "Students will utilize the theoretical lenses of narrative, character, genre, and semiotics to analyze televisual content on both macro and micro levels. Students will gain an understanding of visual storytelling conventions, narrative structures on every level (from dialogue through to

series), and character development.”

3. March 12, 2026 memorandum from Associate Dean Mitchell, College of Liberal Arts & Sciences, requesting executive action to renumber JOU 3302: Multiplatform Editing as JOU 3303, and JOU 4102: Feature Writing as JOU 4101. These changes correct numbers for courses that were approved at CAA on February 5, 2026 using course numbers in error that were already in use.
4. March 5, 2026 memorandum from Dean Cheney, Lumpkin College of Business and Technology, requesting executive action to revise the course number for the newly proposed course, “Applied Artificial Intelligence Technologies – LLM” from CIT 4833 to CIT 4853, as CIT 4833 is already in use.

**c. Waiver reports:**

1. Fall 2025 Waiver Report for the College of Health & Human Services.
2. Fall 2025 Waiver Report for the Lumpkin College of Business & Technology

**d. Grade Appeals:**

None

**e. Committee Reports:**

Boyd inquired what limitations faculty have on using AI. It has been reported that faculty are using AI lectures. It was recommended that students speak with the professor and if no satisfaction go up the chain of command to the Chair and then the Dean.

Janssen-Robinson attended the Textbook Rental advisory committee meeting and VitalSource purchased Red Shelf. Students can now pay a little more to get one online book if they choose.

Gronnvoll inquired if we had received any Faculty Laureate applications and Watson noted she had not received any yet, but the deadline is tomorrow.

**III. Items to be added to the agenda:**

1. 26-100 CDS 2000: Introduction to Communication Disorders and Sciences (revised course)
2. 26-101 CDS 2200: Language Acquisition (revised course)
3. 26-102 CDS 2500: Anatomy of Speech and Hearing (revised course)
4. 26-103 CDS 2800: Speech and Hearing Science (revised course)
5. 26-104 CDS 4300: Introduction to Audiology (revised course)
6. 26-105 CDS 4350: Aural Rehabilitation (revised course)
7. 26-106 CDS 2100: Phonetics and Phonological Development (revised course)
8. 26-107 PUBH 2200G: Health Citizenship (revised course)
9. 26-108 GEC Proposal to remove Senior Seminar/Study Abroad/Capstone General Education requirement
10. 26-109 Remove Senior Seminar requirement from the Undergraduate Catalog (revised catalog)

**IV. Items to be Acted Upon:**

1. 26-094 CTE 4913: Organization and Administration of Work-Based Learning Education (revised course) Parrish moved and Boyd seconded the proposal. Ms. Gail Turner-Brock presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
2. 26-095 CTE 4923: Work-Based Learning Techniques for Illinois Work-Based Learning Education (revised course) Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Ms. Gail Turner-Brock presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
3. 26-096 ELE 4880: Diagnostic and Prescriptive Reading Instruction (revised course) Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Dr. Amy Davis presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.

4. 26-097 ELE 4880: Diagnostic and Prescriptive Reading Instruction (revised course) Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Dr. Amy Davis presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
5. 26-098 ELE 4775: Language and Language Arts in Early Childhood (revised course) Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Dr. Amy Davis presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as amended.
6. 26-099 Add BSW to list of degrees in the UG Catalog (catalog revision) Eckert moved and Janssen-Robinson seconded the proposal. Mr. Brad Bennington presented the proposal. The proposal was unanimously approved as written.

**V. Discussion Items:**

1. GEC Pathways Pilot Program – Dr. Nora Heist presented the idea of having Pathways of undergraduate classes for students to choose. The idea is to get this started now and build partnerships and fine tune it next year. This would be an optional model for students initially with hopes of creating more Paths in the future. Discussion ensued. This was not a proposal so no voting was necessary.

**VI. Other:**

None

**VII. Pending:**

None

**VIII. Meeting Adjournment:**

Becker moved and Parrish seconded the motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 3:34 pm.

*Minutes prepared by Ms. Patty Watson*