

MINUTES

Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies September 14th, 2026 3:00 PM Zoom

Present – S. Clements (presiding), E. Austin, A. Ball, N. Akers, J. Bedore, M. Eick, K. Goyne, M. Kimbrell, K. Lewis, L. Nagy, M. Pleimling, R. Poff, C. Rawlings, S. Rinehart, J. Russell, N. Russell, M. Seref, J. Sible, S. Sumner, K. Thompson, L. Vinsel

Absent with Notice: M.Caddick, K. Griffin

Absent: M. Acosta, K. Edgar

Guests: J. Leech, R. Pitcher, N. Smith, J. Tokuhisa, K. Tran, Z. Tucker, K. Wells

Sherwood Clements called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. A quorum was present.

1. Adoption of Agenda

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. Motion carried.

2. Approval or Announcement of approval and posting of minutes of April 27, 2026.

Sherwood Clements noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Office of the University Registrar's website and the Governance Website.

3. New Business

Welcome and Self-Introductions

S.Clements invited commission members to introduce themselves. Afterwards, S. Clements presented the change for the Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies.

Workplan 2026-2026 Academic Year

S.Clements presented the 2026-2027 goals for the commission. The goals for the upcoming year include working on a 2 day fall break proposal, defining the words "attempt" and "repeatability" with regards to undergraduate student class policies and schedules, and identify additional classroom items and software that add additional cost burden to students.

S.Clements discussed potentially adding another goal to formulate a text messaging policy. J. Tokuhisa, previous chair of Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies, volunteered that he would be willing to chair a subcommittee to work on this policy. There will be more information about this goal at future meetings.

4. Reports

- Academic Support Committee – Vacant: No report.
- Academic Policies Committee – Michel Pleimling: No report.
- Athletics Committee – Vacant: No report.
- Commencement Committee – Michelle Seref: No report.
- Honor Council – Nolan Russell: No report.
- Library Committee – Katlyn Griffin: No report.

- University Curriculum Committee for General Education – Vacant: No report.
- Administrative & Professional Faculty Senate – Nicole Akers: No report.
- Staff Senate – Misti Acosta: No report.
- Faculty Senate – Matt Eick: No report.
- Undergraduate Student Senate – Liam Nagy: No report.
- Graduate and Professional Student Senate – Vacant: No report.

5. Other Business – Posthumous Degree

M. Seref, Associate Dean of Undergraduate Programs for the Pamplin College of Business, moved for approval of the posthumous awarding of the Bachelor of Science in Business in Management, Major: Management Consulting and Analytics, to Daniel Hur, effective Fall 2026.

M. Seref indicated that the request was based on the recommendation of the Management department and support of the Pamplin College of Business. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously

6. Other Business – Nomination of Representatives and Sub-Committee Chairs

A nomination/review of CUSP Sub-Committee Chair and Representatives for the 2026-2027 academic year was conducted. There were several vacancies including a chair of the Academic Support Committee, a representative for the University Athletics Committee, and a representative for the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for General Education.

R. Poff was nominated to be the representative for the University Athletics Committee. A motion was made and seconded for R. Poff to serve in the role. A vote passed unanimously without objections or abstentions.

C. Rawlings nominated herself to be the representative for the Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for General Education. A motion was made and seconded for C. Rawlings to serve in the role. A vote passed unanimously without objections or abstentions.

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:42pm.