

University Undergraduate Council

April 11, 2025 1:00 - 3:00 PM

Teams

Minute Attendance

Committee - Voting Members					
✓	Ladrica Menson-Furr (CAS)	✓	Trent Harper (CSD)	✓	Debra Kelly (NURS)
✓	Denis Grélé (CAS)		Nichelle Robinson (COE)		Candace McGowen (NURS)
✓	Kendra Murphy (CAS)	✓	Anna Falkner (COE)	✓	Joanne Gikas (CPLS)
✓	Andrew Mickelson (CAS)	proxy	Amy Curry (HERFF)		Sandy Guntharp (CPLS)
✓	Carmen Astorne (FCBE)	✓	Claudio Meier (HERFF)		Lori Ward (SPH)
	Caitlin Porter (FCBE)	✓	Larry Weiss (CHS)	✓	Ilias Kavouras (SPH)
✓	Jeff Black (FCBE)	✓	Melissa Puppa (CHS)		Ricky Chi Yeung Leung (SPH)
✓	Lucas Charles (CCFA)	✓	Brandt Pence (CHS)	✓	Eli Jones (Faculty Senate)
	Lori Stallings (CCFA)	✓	Michael Hutchison (KWS)		
✓	Sonin Lee (CCFA)	✓	Carol Silkes (HPRM)		
Committee - Non-Voting Members					
✓	Carol Danehower (Chair)		Eric Bailey (SAS)	✓	Sofiya Dahman (Library)
	Alletha Davis (Registrar)	✓	Dale Williams (ACC)	✓	Stormey Warren (CAS)
✓	Darla Keel (Registrar)	✓	Trellis Morgan (AAN)	✓	Iulia Sacui (Lambuth)
✓	Keri Kerr (Registrar)	✓	Sean Holden (OIR)	✓	Christy Smith (FCBE)
✓	Victoria Tardugno (Registrar)		Annorah Flanigan (SGA - Student Rep)	✓	Leigh Harrell-Williams (COE)
✓	Tara Buchannon (Disabilbility Services)	✓	Melinda Jones (Un. Honors)		
Guests					
✓	Vanessa Brocks (AAC)	✓	Russell Deaton	✓	(Interpretor) - 2
✓	Rika Hudson (CAS)	✓	Christina Moss (CCFA)		
Proxies					

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I. Call to Order –Carol Danehower, Chair

- Meeting called to order at 1:00 pm.

II. Updates and Announcements

- Update from Provost Russomanno
 - The Provost thanked everyone for their efforts for working on the AI for All minor.
 - Discussed new academic unit in Herff College of Engineering approved by BOT and THEC: Polytechnic @ UofM, which includes the Department of Engineering Technology and a new Department of Applied Technology. The new degree proposal from this unit will be up for vote by UUC in May: Bachelor of Applied Science, a degree program that addresses workforce needs and provides a completely different pathway for TCAT/Community College students to the University. An alternative Gen Ed for this degree only will be a part of the proposal.
- AI for All progress
 - Michael Hutchinson informed the council that marketing efforts have started. The website is also in progress. Kristen Russell in Marketing has been very helpful. The two core courses have already been scheduled. Funding for faculty and departments teaching the courses is available.
- THEC is hosting an all-day Transfer West Grand Division meeting on **April 22, 2025**, at the TCAT-Stanton in Haywood County. This collaborative forum is part of their effort to continue advancing transfer initiatives across the state. Topics will include innovative and technical opportunities as well as non-traditional credit. Register [here](#).

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Upcoming Meetings – May 9 next meeting!

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