

Winthrop University – Academic Council

Friday, November 21, 2025 @ 2:00pm

Owens 103

Minutes

Cody	Walters	Library
Mike	Sickels	CAS
Timea	Fernandez	CAS
Kori	Bloomquist*	CAS
Kelly	Costner	CESHS
Jessie	Hamm*	CAS
Dan	Drane*	CESHS
Justin	Isenhour*	CVPA
Kelly	Ozust*	CVPA
Anna	Romanova*	CBA
Kevin	Parker	CBA
Ephraim	Sommers*	CAS
Joy	Stapleton	CESHS
Paul	Wiegand	CBA
Brent	Woodfill*	CAS
Kristen	Wonderlich*	CVPA
Gina	Jones	Rec and Reg
Victoria	Williams*	Student

*absent

Guests: Tim Drueke, Michael Whitney

- I. **Approval of minutes** for the October 7th meeting.
There were a couple of corrections. Since no quorum, Cody will send out for a vote. ([Minutes were approved via email.](#))
- II. **Remarks from the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs** (Sebastian van Delden)—The Provost was unable to attend.
- III. **Remarks from the President of the Student Government Association** – Victoria Williams
The President of SGA was unable to attend.

IV. Reports from Standing Committees

a. Committee on University Curriculum (Paul Wiegand)

i. Curriculum Actions – Appendix A

Dr. Whitney asked if he needed to do curriculum action for BS-WBDV since they required the mass comm & new media minor. Ms. Jones said we would just update the title of the new minor in the WBDV program effective Fall 2026.

b. General Education Curriculum Committee (Kelly Costner)

i. Committee actions – Appendix B

V. Old Business--none

VI. New Business

a. Cultural events requirement for new freshmen who have dual enrollment credits from high school. (Tim Drueke)

Mr. Drueke said the CE committee and R&R have been discussing this. He went over the policy. He talked about how we tweaked the transfer part a few years ago to allow us to tell transfer students in their first semester how many CE they needed rather than waiting until the time of the graduation application. He also talked about how many new FR came in this fall with TR credit (over 200).

The question has come—should we treat new freshmen the same way we treat transfers: using the number of hours to get to 120 rather than doing the full 18?

Dr. Sickles asked if AP would be included. Ms. Jones said it would be logistically difficult to differentiate between the types of TR credit.

Mr. Walters mentioned this to the Provost. He said first semester FR have a different experience. Dr. Sickles said we should maintain the spirit of the policy.

Mr. Walters said CEs are a big Winthrop thing.

Dr. Costner said he came from Wingate and they had to do 40. He thinks they are a good thing, but we may see a pushback from students who have accelerated their time, and this is a piece they have to compact.

Dr. Wiegand said we should make the policy clear and let students know up front. Anecdotally, CSCI majors generally hate this requirement.

Mr. Walters said it seems like we don't have a unified opinion. Maybe we can still take it to Faculty Conference? We may need more voices in this conversation.

Mr. Drueke pointed out that the policy does not say "first-time freshman"—only "students began at Winthrop as a freshman." Students with dual enrollment credit could start at Winthrop as a sophomore or junior.

Dr. Costner said the first paragraph could be removed and make it as "for every 20 hours, 3 CEs are required."

Mr. Drueke said that 247 new freshmen this fall had transfer credit of some kind. Twenty-three had 54 hours and above. He also mentioned the WU dually-enrolled. Business students could come in with 36 credits which under the current policy, would not count toward the 18 CEs.

Dr. Wiegand said clarity is better.

Mr. Walters stated that it appears we have landed on cleaning up the language. "By graduation, each UG student is required to attend 3 CEs for every 20 hours earned at Winthrop."

Dr. Fernandez asked if wanted to add language about dual enrollment. Mr. Drueke said we may tweak it to say "students coming in with transfer credit..." We want the policy to be evenly applied to everyone, but we'll adjust (procedurally) according to their transfer credit.

Dr. Sickels asked about students who take credit elsewhere while at WU. Drueke said we don't want to keep readjusting CE credits.

Dr. Wiegand asked about Americans who go abroad vs. Int'l students who are here. He thought we had discussed this. Mr. Drueke said this group had not.

Dr. Costner asked if this was going straight to Faculty Conference. Mr. Walters said this would be sent to the AC members.

VII. **Announcements**
no announcements

VIII. **Adjournment**
Adjourned at 2:53 PM

Appendix A

Winthrop University Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum Minutes

The Committee on Undergraduate Curriculum met on Friday, November 14, 2025. Participating were committee members Paul Wiegand, Stephen Gundersheim, Shawna Helf, Amanda Hiner, Alice McLaine, and Anna Romanova. Also attending were Michael Whitney, Tim Druke, Gina Jones, and Maria D'Agostino.

AGENDA

The following 67 course action items were approved at CUC Level and require no further action:

	Course	Action
1.	BIOL322 Developmental Biology	Inactivation
2.	BIOL423 Developmental Biology Lecture	New Course: Change from BIOL 322
3.	CSCI160 AI Essentials for Everyone	New Course
4.	CSCI243 Web Programming	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from "(DIFD141 and CSCI207) or CSCI 208 or Permission of Instructor" to "([DIFD141 OR WEBD141] AND CSCI207) OR CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major OR Permission of Instructor".
5.	CSCI260 Intro to AI	Modify Course: Change Prerequisite from "C- or better in CSCI 207" to "C- or better in CSCI 207 OR ASEN: Practical Development major".
6.	CSCI290 JavaScript Programming	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from "Grade of C- or better in CSCI 208" to "Grade of C- or better in CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major".
7.	CSCI293 The C# Language	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "A grade of C- or better in CSCI 208" to "A grade of C- or better in CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major".
8.	CSCI295 Programming in Visual Basic	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "A grade of C- or better in CSCI 208" to "A grade of C- or better in CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major".
9.	CSCI297 Scripting Languages	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "A grade of C- or better in CSCI 208" to "A grade of C- or better in CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major".
10.	CSCI311 Computer Architecture & Org	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "Grade of C- or better in MATH 261; and either ASWD major or grade of C- or better in CSCI 208" to "Grade of C- OR better in MATH 261; and one of the following [ASWD major OR ASEN: Practical Development major OR grade of C- or better in CSCI 208]."
11.	CSCI324 Enterprise System Administrati	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from "CSCI 208 and 210, or ASWD major" to "[CSCI 208 AND CSCI

	Course	Action
		210] OR either [ASWD major OR ASEN: Practical Development major]"
12.	CSCI327 Soc Implications of Computing	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "CRTW201 or HXCT 301, AND CSCI, DIFD, ASWD, CYBR, DSCI, WEBD, or BADM/CIFS major" to "[CRTW201 or HXCT 301] AND [ARIN or ASWD or ASEN or BADM: CIFS or CSCI or CYBR or DIFD or DSCI or WBDV] major".
13.	CSCI346 Human-Computer Interaction	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "[CSCI 151 or CSCI 207 or ASWD degree] AND [BSAN/QMTH 205 or MATH 341]" to "[CSCI 151 OR CSCI 207 OR ASWD major OR ASEN: Practical Development major] AND [BSAN/QMTH 205 OR MATH 341]"
14.	CSCI350 Business Data Tools Development	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from "BSAN/QMTH 205 and MGMT 220" to "Prerequisite: BSAN/QMTH 205 and MGMT 341".
15.	CSCI381 Numerical Algorithms	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from "CSCI 208 and MATH 201" to "MATH 201 AND either [CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major]".
16.	CSCI392 Programming in Java	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "C- or better in CSCI 208" to "C- or better in CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major".
17.	CSCI395 Adv. Prob. Solv./Rapid Proto.	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "CSCI 208 and permission of instructor" to "[CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major] AND permission of instructor."
18.	CSCI411 Operating Systems	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from "[Either ASWD degree or a grade of C- or better in CSCI 208] AND a minimum grade of C- for all of the following: MATH 261 AND CSCI 210 (can be taken as a co-requisite)" –to--- "[Minimum grade of C- for all of the following: MATH 261 AND CSCI 208 AND CSCI 210 (CSCI 210 can be taken as a co-requisite)] OR [minimum grade of C- for MATH 261 AND either [ASWD major OR ASEN: Practical Development major]]".
19.	CSCI432 Computer Science Theory	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from "CSCI 311 and grade of C- or better in CSCI 271" to "[CSCI 311 AND grade of C- or better in CSCI 271] OR ASEN: Practical Development major".
20.	CSCI440 Intro to Computer Graphics	Modify Course: change prerequisite from "[MATH 261 OR MATH 300]; AND [either ASWD degree OR grade of C- or better in CSCI 208]" to "[MATH 261 OR MATH 300]; AND one of the following: [ASWD major OR ASEN: Practical Development major OR grade of C- or better in CSCI 208]"

	Course	Action
21.	CSCI444 Computer Graphics Concept/Appl	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from “A grade of C- or better in CSCI 208 and in one of MATH 105, or 201 or 300” to “ [A grade of C- or better in CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major] AND one of the following [MATH 105 OR MATH 201 OR MATH 300]”.
22.	CSCI450 Artificial Intelligence	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from “C- or better in CSCI 208; CSCI 260: and either MATH 341 or BSAN/QMTH205” to “[C- or better in CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major] AND CSCI 260 AND either [MATH 341 OR BSAN/QMTH205]”.
23.	CSCI451 Mobile App Development	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from “CSCI 271 or CSCI 355 or ASWD major” to “CSCI 271 OR CSCI 355 OR ASWD major OR ASEN: Practical Development major”.
24.	CSCI460 Machine Learning	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from “[Either ASWD degree or a grade of C- or better in CSCI208]; and [BSAN/QMTH205 or MATH 341]; and [MATH201 or MATH105]; and [MATH261 or MATH300]” to “[ASWD major OR ASEN: Practical Development major OR grade of C- or better in CSCI 208] AND [BSAN/QMTH205 OR MATH 341] AND [MATH201 or MATH105] AND [MATH261 OR MATH300]”
25.	CSCI469 Cloud Computing	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from “[CSCI 208 and (CSCI 271 or 3hr > 299 in CSCI except CSCI 327/329)] or ASWD major” to “[CSCI 208 OR ASEN: Practical Development major] AND [CSCI 271 OR 3hr > 299 in CSCI except CSCI 327/329, 350]”.
26.	CSCI491 Software Development Internship	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from “2.5 GPA both overall and within major; and CSCI271 or CSCI355 or ASWD major” to “2.5 GPA both overall and within major; AND [CSCI271 OR CSCI355 OR ASWD major OR ASEN: Practical Development major].”
27.	CSCI492 Information Systems Internship	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from “2.5 GPA both overall and within major; and CSCI 271 or CSCI 355” to “2.5 GPA both overall and within major; AND [CSCI 271 OR CSCI 355 OR ASEN: Practical Development major]”.
28.	DIFD351 Inform Design Sem: Special Topi	Inactivation
29.	ECON492 Health Care Econ & Finc	New Course
30.	EXSC496 Internship Exer Science	Modify Course: Change course hours from “EXSC 496 (9 hours)” to “EXSC 496 (6 hours)”.
31.	HSCI101 Intro to Health Sciences	New Course
32.	HSCI223 The Science of Human Nutrition	New Course

	Course	Action
33.	HSCI227 Medical Terminology	New Course
34.	HSCI300 Personal and Community Health	New Course
35.	HSCI380 Nutr Hlth Education	New Course
36.	HSCI406 Introduction to Hlth Promotion	New Course
37.	HSCI428 Comm Hlth Programming	New Course
38.	HSCI490 Practical Experiences Hlth Sci	New Course
39.	HSCI494 Capstone in Health Sciences	New Course
40.	IDVS300 Intro to IDVS	New Course
41.	INFD251 Inf Design Special Topics	Inactivation
42.	INFD415 Law and Ethics for Digital Med	Inactivation
43.	INFD451 Senior Synthesis	Inactivation
44.	MGMT485 Org Dev Innovation & Change	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from “PFST 402” to “PFST 301 or BADM 180”.
45.	INFD251 Inf Design Special Topics	Inactivation
46.	MLSC302 Applied Lead in Small Group Op	New Course
47.	MLSC302L Applied Leadership Lab	New Course
48.	MLSC401 The Army Officer	New Course
49.	MLSC401L Advanced Leadership Lab	New Course
50.	MLSC402 Company Grade Leadership	New Course
51.	MLSC402L Advanced Leadership Lab	New Course
52.	MUSA211L Electric Bass	New Course
53.	MUSA212L Electric Bass	New Course
54.	MUSA311L Electric Bass	New Course
55.	MUSA312L Electric Bass	New Course
56.	MUSA411L Electric Bass	New Course
57.	MUSA412L Electric Bass	New Course

	Course	Action
58.	NUTR380 Nutrition and Health Education	Modify Course: Change course title from “Nutrition Education Theory and Practice”; Change Prerequisite from “NUTR 221 or 223” to “NUTR 221 or NUTR 223 or HSCI 223”; Change course description and course goals.
59.	PETE390 Reflective Teaching-PE	Inactivation
60.	PSYC320 Cultural Psychology	Modify Course: Change course title from “Racial, Cultural and Ethnic Influences on Identity Development”; Changing Prerequisite from “PSYC 101 or AAMS 300 and WRIT 101” to “PSYC 101”; Change course description
61.	SPED496 Special Education Research	New Course
62.	WISE101 Intro to STEM Research & Educ	New Course
63.	WRIT501 Writing for New Media	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from “HMXP 102 and a previous WRIT course above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status” to “CRTW 201 or HXCT 301, and a previous WRIT or ENGL course numbered above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status, or permission of the chair”.
64.	WRIT502 Digital English Studies	Modify Course: Change prerequisite from “CRTW 201 or HXCT 301 with a grade of C- or better or graduate status. Notes: Meets the Technology Requirement for ENGL majors” to “CRTW 201 or HXCT 301 with a grade of C- or better, and a previous ENGL or WRIT course above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status, or permission of the chair”.
65.	WRIT510 Topics in Writing and Rhetoric	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from “HMXP 102 and a previous WRIT or ENGL course above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status, or permission of the instructor” to “HMXP 102 or HXCT 301 and a previous WRIT or ENGL course numbered above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status, or permission of the chair”.
66.	WRIT511 Topics in Writing & Crit Comm	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from “HMXP 102 and a previous WRIT or ENGL course numbered above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status, or permission of the instructor” to “HMXP 102 or HXCT 301 with a grade of C- or better and a previous WRIT or ENGL course numbered above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status, or permission of the chair”.
67.	WRIT511H Topics in Writing & Crit Comm	Modify Course: Change prerequisites from “HMXP 102 and a previous WRIT or ENGL course numbered

	Course	Action
		above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status, or permission of the instructor” to “HMXP 102 or HXCT 301 with a grade of C- or better, and a previous WRIT or ENGL course numbered above 199 with a grade of C- or better, or graduate status, or permission of the Chair”.

These 19 program change items (degree) recommended and forwarded to Academic Council for action:

	Program	Action
1.	BA in Art History	Inactivation
2.	BS in Appl Software Engineer	Modify Concentration: Change total hours from “27-33 hours” to “28-33 hours”; Change from “Option 2 Comprehensive Development 27 hours” to “Option 2 Comprehensive Development 28 hours”; Add two courses to Option 2 Comprehensive Development to include “CSCI 101B (.5 hours) and CSCI 101D (.5 hours)”; Change from “Elective 13-23 hours” to “Electives 13-22 hours”.
3.	BS in Artificial Intelligence	Modify Program: Change course renumbering from “ECON 506” to “ECON 306”
4.	BS Bus Admin-Acct & Finc	New Concentration (new CBE)
5.	BS in Bus Admin-Bus Analytics	New Concentration
6.	BS in Bus Admin-Comp Info Sys	Modify Program: Change in Computer Information Systems Option “CSCI 293, 295, 297, 390 or 392” to remove course “CSCI 390” and add courses “CSCI 290, 296”
7.	BS in Bus Admin-General Business	New Concentration (new CBE)
8.	BS in Bus Admin-Marketing	Modify Program: Change in Marketing Option “Choose one of the following ENTR 373, MGMT 475, MGMT 575” to “Choose one of the following MGMT 326, MGMT 384, MGMT 583”.
9.	BS in Computer Science	Modify Program: Change renumbering from “CSCI 390” to “CSCI 290”; Add course “CSCI 296 Languages for Data Analysis”
10.	BS in Exercise Sci-Ath Train	Modify Program: Change from “Exercise Science Core 30 hours” to “Exercise Science Core 27 hours”; Remove courses “EXSC465 and 480”; Add course “EXSC 570 Adaptation Responses of Training, Rehab & Reconditioning”; Change from “Athletic Training Concentration 31 hours” to “Athletic Training Concentration 41 hours”; Add courses ATRN535 (4 hours), ATRN550 (4 hours), EXSC 480 (3 hours); Change course from “PHYS 201/201L (4 hours)” to “PHYS 101 (3 hours)”

	Program	Action
11.	BS in Ex Sci - Pre-Allied Hlth	New Concentration
12.	BS in Ex Sci - Strength & Cond	New Concentration
13.	BS in Exercise Science	Modify Program: Change Exercise Science Core from “30 hours” to “27 hours”; Remove courses “EXSC465” and “EXSC 480”; Add course “EXSC 570 Adaptation Responses of Training, Rehab & Reconditioning”. Change Exercise Science Concentration from “30 hours” to “31 hours”; Add courses “EXSC480 (3 hours) and EXSC482 (1 credit)”; Change course hours from “EXSC 496 (9 hours)” to “EXSC 496 (6 hours)”; Change from “Electives 4-8 hours” to “Electives 6-10 hours”.
14.	BS-Health Sciences	New Program
15.	BS in Middle Lev Ed-Math	Modify Program: Change Mathematics Concentration total hours from “25” to “27 hours”; Change course renumbering from “MATH141” to “MATH 241”; change from “MAED 391” to “MAED 591”; Change course renumbering and hours from “MATH 201 (4 hours)” to “MATH 105 (3 hours)”; Change Content Electives from “5-14 hours” to “6-15 hours”.
16.	BS in Nutrition - Dietetics	Modify Program: Update course names in program from “NUTR380 Nutrition and Health Education Theory & Practice” to “NUTR380 Nutrition and Health Education”; change from “NUTR 428 Community Nutrition Health Programming” to “NUTR 428 Community Health Programming”
17.	BS in Nutrition-Hlth Promotion	Inactivation
18.	BS in Physical Ed-K-12 Cert	Modify Program: Remove “EXSC 382 Biomechanics (3 hous)” and replace with “EXSC 375 Biomechanics and Kinesiology (4 hours)”; Remove “PETE 223 Adventure Facilitation and Leadership (2 hours)” and replace with “PETE 250 Teaching Outdoor Pursuits and Target Sports (3 hours)”; Remove “PESH 108 Cardio Dance and Tone (1 hour)”; Remove “PESH 102 Weight Training (1 credit)”; Remove “PETE 390 Reflective Teaching in Physical Education (1 credit)” and replace with “PETE 510 Reflective Teaching in Physical Education (2 hours)”.
19.	BA in Public Relations & Adv	New Program (reworking of BA IMCO degree)

These 3 programs change items (minors) recommended and forwarded to Academic Council for action:

	Program	Action
1.	MINOR - EXERCISE SCIENCE	New Minor
2.	Minor- Digital Media and Communication	Modify Program: Change minor title from “Mass Communication and New Media”; Change courses required to “MCOM 205, MCOM 226 and MCOM 241”; remove course MCOM 230; Add “Choose 9 hours of the following: MCOM 175, MCOM 301, MCOM 415, MCOM 346, IMCO 341, MCOM 349 or MCOM 495 course options”
3.	Minor-Human Nutrition	Modify Program: Remove “approved by Chair, Department of Human Nutrition”. Change course renumbering and title from “CHEM 104 (3) Chemistry and Problem Solving Fundamentals” to “CHEM 201 (4 hours) General Chemistry I”; Change “CHEM 105 (4 hours) General Chemistry I” to “CHEM 211 (4 hours) accelerated General Chemistry”

The following 1 Proposal for Course Action was approved at the College Assembly level and requires no further action:

	Course	Action
1.	NUTR428 Community Health Programming	Modify Course: Change course title from “Community and Cultural Nutrition”. Change course description; Change course goals

The following 1 Proposal for Program Action held for more discussion. This has since been approved by CUC.

	Program	Action
1.	BS in Financial Technology	Modify Program: Change requirements for major from “C-or better required for each course” to “C- or better is required for non-CSCI courses; a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher is required for CSCI courses”; Change course renumbering from “ECON 506” to “ECON 306”; Change “CSCI 350” to “BSAN/CSCI350”

Appendix B

GNET curriculum committee

Report to AC Fri 2025-11-21

Meeting held via Zoom on Fri 2025-11- 07, 2:00-3:40 pm

Motion: Approve the following courses for GNET inclusion.

Area	Course	Title	comments
GLOB	ANTH 331	Rise of inequality and Social Complexity	
SOC			
Tech	CSCI 160	AI essentials for Everyone	<i>New course approved by CUC on Fri 2025-11-14</i>
	WEBD 141	Intro to Web Application Design	<i>Previously included as DIFD 141; this documents change of designator</i>
	WEBD 147	Practical Website Creation	<i>Previously included as CSCI 147; this documents change of designator</i>