

MINUTES
Faculty Senate Academic Affairs
March 3, 2026 - 3:45 pm - Zoom only

Spring '26	1/20	2/3	2/17	03/03					
Alford, G	X	X	X	X					
Bilgili, H	X	X	X	X					
Birkhead, N	X	X	X	X					
Brouk, M.	X	X	A	X					
Fritch, Melia	X	X	X	X					
Gott, T	A	X	A	Pxy: Kouba					
Kouba, J	X	X	X	X					
Lyon, S	X	X	X	X					
McCoy, M	X	X	X	X					
Meacham, S.	X	X	Pxy: Kouba	Pxy: Kouba					
Moody, L (alt)			X	X					
Prakash, S	X	Pxy: Kouba	X	X					
Pudenz, Z.	X	X	X	X					
Rios, A	X	X	X	X					
Warren, S.	X	X	X	X					

Guests: Kelley Brundage, Simone Cummings, William Everroad, Bronwyn Fees, Tyler Henry, Sandy Horton-Smith, Cece Leung, Craig Schroeder

- 1) **Call to Order** – Joann called the meeting to order at 3:45pm.
- 2) **Approval of February 17 minutes** - A motion was made to approve the minutes. Birkhead asked that more details be included surrounding the ALE discussion. Motion failed.
- 3) **EXPEDITED PROPOSALS** - <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3123/form>

A motion was made and seconded to approve the expedited courses. Discussion focused on the status of syllabi for expedited course changes, and addressing specific course-related concerns. Joann clarified that syllabi were not required for minor changes and confirmed with Margaret and Simone that

this was acceptable. Conditional approval was given to the following courses pending the following actions: CE 552, CE 565, ME 310, and ME 513, Joann would request impact statements; ME 399 - Steven agreed to follow up to determine whether instructor or department head permission was preferred. PSYCH 115 – This course is being changed from 4 to 3 credits and Nate agreed to reach out to social sciences to get an impact statement. Motion carried.

Agriculture

AGRON - 450 - Crops Team
GRSC - 201 - Fundamental Baking Calculations
GRSC - 210 - CAD Flow Sheets for Grain Processes
HORT - 282 - Foundations of Horticultural Pest Management
HORT - 510 - Horticultural Design II
HORT - 525 - Horticulture for Special Populations
HORT - 530 - Horticultural Therapy Case Management
HORT - 535 - Horticultural Therapy Field Techniques
HORT - 540 - Horticultural Therapy Field Experiences
HORT - 585 - Arboriculture

Arts & Sciences

PSYCH - 115 - General Psychology (Honors)

College of Engineering

ARE - 012 - ARE Career Readiness Workshop
CE - 441 - Design of Civil Engineering Materials
CE - 552 - Hydraulic Engineering
CE - 565 - Water and Wastewater Engineering
CHE - 430 - Biomaterials
Civil Engineering - General (BS)
ME - 310 - Elements of Thermodynamics
ME - 399 - Introductory Topics in Mechanical Engineering
ME - 513 - Thermodynamics I
ME - 574 - Applied Engineering Design
NE - 415 - Introduction to Engineering Analysis
Nuclear Engineering Minor

4) **COURSE PROPOSALS** <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3124/form>

A motion was made and seconded to approve the course proposals. It was noted that the two LEAD courses required separate syllabi. These were conditionally approved pending the submission of distinct syllabi with different learning outcomes. Motion carried.

Arts & Sciences

POLSC - 160 - The Origins and Evolution of American Democracy

Leadership Studies

LEAD - 400 - Global Agricultural Solutions and Leadership

LEAD - 401 - Global Agricultural Solutions and Leadership Travel

5) **PROGRAM PROPOSALS – No program proposals for this agenda.**

6) **MICROCREDENTIAL PROPOSALS – <https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3102/form>**

Note: Only for-credit microcredentials require approval of the AAC.

This proposal was previously approved and is on here for information only.

Non-credit

College of Health & Human Sciences

Exercise Science Essentials (NC Microcredential)

7) **Committee Reports/Updates**

Joann brought up the ALE courses which had been tabled at a previous meeting. She emphasized the importance of setting clear parameters for tabled items and encouraged further discussion on the ALE initiative. Malia highlighted the need for courses accessible to units like libraries and housing that don't have their own ALE courses. Nate and Grant expressed concerns about the prefix being a stumbling block and suggested changing it to LEAD, though Grant noted that Trish had indicated LEAD might not be suitable. The discussion also touched on the need for clear differentiation in course syllabi and the importance of ensuring that applied learning courses meet specific credit requirements for student graduation. The group discussed concerns about a potential graduation requirement for applied learning experiences (ALE), which the provost had temporarily backed off due to Senate opposition. William clarified that USCALE's role is to provide community expertise in defining applied learning, and while there are no current plans for a degree requirement, the provost's office is monitoring existing college-level ALE activities. Nate raised concerns about communication gaps between committees and USCALE, and William agreed to improve communication links and provide regular updates to the Academic Affairs Committee. The discussion also covered a specific case regarding library student employees seeking ALE credit, with Melia explaining that while LIB prefix courses are not currently offered, there are plans to develop them in the future.

The committee discussed the status of the 12 tabled ALE courses and debated whether to reject, approve, or retable them. Joann expressed concerns about potential conflicts if the decision wasn't well-supported at the caucus level. The group agreed to conduct a non-binding straw poll via Qualtrics to gauge consensus. They also decided to request an update from William on the newly revised committee's progress in a few weeks.

a) CAPP – no report

b) Libraries Report – Mike Brouk/Melia Fritch - Melia asked members to give their feedback to the subscription reset the Library is conducting concerning journal titles. Mike mentioned the good report they'd received about how the library is utilized throughout the state via interlibrary loan as well as librarian training that is being developed.

c) ARN Updates – Megan McCoy – **Attachments 1-3 – Vote** – After brief discussion, a motion was made and seconded to approve the updates to the ARN manual. Motion carried.

8) Announcements and/or for the good of the university

Due to the next meeting being scheduled over spring break, it was agreed that Susanne would send out a poll to schedule the next meeting, which could be brief and only deal with expedited courses. Kelley mentioned that enrollment starts on March 23, so any expedited courses should be approved by that time to make the deadline. It was agreed that Susanne would also send a Qualtrics straw poll to gauge where committee members stood on the currently tabled ALE courses.

9) Adjourn – The meeting adjourned at 5:10pm.