

Abilene Undergraduate Academic Council
March 18, 2026
3:30 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Adams Center Classroom

Present: W. Crawford, K. Witemeyer, S. Talley, K. Williams, R. Ashlock, T. Baggs, T. Sensing, R. Brown

Absent: B. Burton, R. Fowler

Ex-officios: J. Camp, Eric Gumm, M. McCallon (S. Hamm, C. Riley were absent)

Guests: M. Long, C. Flanagan, Sheila Jones, L. Merchant, B. Reeves

The meeting began at 3:34 p.m.

1. Call to order by W. Crawford.
2. Prayer by T. Baggs.
3. Approval of the minutes from 3.4.26

No corrections. Minutes approved by consent.

Information Items

4. KINE 206 – Change Course Terms
5. KINE 291 – Change Course Terms
6. KINE 311 – Change Course Terms
7. KINE 342 – Change Course Terms
8. KINE 476 – Change Course Terms
9. KINE 492 – Change Course Terms
10. NUTR 327 – Change Prerequisites

Action Items

11. PSYC 493 – Add Course Restriction

C. Flanagan - This is a capstone and writing-intensive course. We found that students were pushing into it too soon. We would end up with 40 students in the course. Our integrated students who want to start taking graduate classes add to the early push. We also get liberal studies students taking it who are looking for a capstone course, but they

don't have the background to be successful in the course. Narrowing it to majors-only will help reduce the numbers. We get minors trying to take it too, so we've been advising them away from it.

Motion to approve by R. Ashlock; seconded by S. Talley; all in favor; motion passes.

12. PSYC Minor-General – Revise Degree Plan

C. Flanagan - The PSYC 493 course is too intensive for our minor students. We would like to remove it. R. Brown - Would you want to change the minor's code since it is now the only psychology minor? C. Flanagan - We can look at that.

Motion to approve by R. Brown; seconded by T. Sensing; all in favor; motion passes.

13. PSYC Minor-Child Emphasis – Close Minor

14. PSYC Minor-Counseling Emphasis – Close Minor

15. PSYC Minor-Research Emphasis – Close Minor

C. Flanagan - These specified minors were not panning out. Many students would not find the right courses being offered at the right time. It seems logical to pull these into one general minor and allow them to pick the courses that they are interested in. Our advisor has been steering students into the general minor already. There are currently no students enrolled in any of these other minors.

Motion to approve items 13-15 by R. Brown; seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

16. NUTR 422 – Change Credit Hours (from 2 to 3)

S. Jones - Accreditation-wise, our scope of care has changed. We need more lab time in this course. R. Brown - Is there additional course content? Are you changing any outcomes? S. Jones - No new outcomes. We just need more time to address all the content our accreditor has deemed necessary.

Motion to approve by S. Talley; seconded by T. Baggs; all in favor; motion passes.

17. NDPD – Revise Degree Plan for NUTR 422 Increased Hours

E. Gumm - If any current students change catalog years into the new one, the old two-hour course would still fulfill the degree requirement since it is the same course. S. Jones - Our students are seniors, so it shouldn't matter. We are just taking an elective hour away to keep the major hours the same.

Motion to approve by T. Baggs; seconded by R. Brown; all in favor; motion passes.

18. KINE 406 – New Course – Facility & Event Management

S, Jones - We are wanting this degree plan to move in a sports and leadership direction, so we are looking at adding more courses to address administration and management. This course addresses that content. M. Long - It is about understanding that most sports facilities are multi-use facilities. What is it like to flip a venue, how to make code, insurance, crowd management, etc.? S. Talley - They need to learn the nitty-gritty details. R. Ashlock - What are the learning outcomes? They are in three different places and they are all a little different. S. Jones - I spoke with [Odies Wright](#) today and he revised the syllabus to match what is in the outcomes. The competencies in the chart are actually the outcomes. R. Ashlock - I'm seeing different outcomes on p. 7. S. Jones - He is wanting the outcomes in section 3B. R. Ashlock - This is a 400-level course, and there is nothing higher than "apply." It's very confusing. S. Jones - If we use the student outcomes on p. 11, can we do that? W. Crawford - Can we send it back and clean it up? We need one, consistent set of outcomes, and they need some higher order ideas there.

Tabled.

- 19. KINE 365 – Close Course
- 20. KINE 366 – Close Course
- 21. KINE 475 – Close Course
- 22. KINE 477 – Close Course
- 23. NUTR 222 – Close Course
- 24. PEAC 210 – Close Course
- 25. PEAC 212 – Close Course
- 26. PEAC 217 – Close Course
- 27. PEAC 224 – Close Course
- 28. PEAC 226 – Close Course
- 29. PEAC 227 – Close Course
- 30. PEAC 237 – Close Course
- 31. PEAC 239 – Close Course
- 32. PEAC 352 – Close Course

PEAC 210, 239, 352 closures are contingent on approval of KSRM changes that are tabled.

Motion to approve items 24, 31-32 contingent on approved KSRM changes at next meeting by R. Brown; seconded by S. Talley; all in favor; motion passes.

PEAC is no longer required in general education, and the faculty member who has taught many of these is retiring. KINE 365-366 are now taught at the master's level. We don't teach them at the undergraduate level any longer.

Motion to approve items 19-23, 25-30 by S. Talley; seconded by R. Brown; all in favor; motion passes.

33. KSRM – Add KINE 406, Revise PEAC Requirements

Tabled.

34. FAM 455 – Close Course

L. Merchant - We haven't taught this course in about 10 years. We are cleaning up the catalog.

Motion to approve items by S. Talley; seconded by T. Sensing; all in favor; motion passes.

35. GERO 448 – Close Course

L. Merchant - We haven't taught this course in ages. We would like to close it. We don't intend to offer it in the future.

Motion to approve items by S. Talley; seconded by R. Ashlock; all in favor; motion passes.

36. Aging Studies Minor – Revise Course Selection

L. Merchant - We would like to make some significant changes to this minor. We took over this minor last year and hired new faculty to oversee this program. Many of the courses included have not been offered for a long time. We want to move the practicum course to the selection menu. We think the required practicum course might be discouraging some students from declaring the minor. We would like to add some new courses as well. We have talked to Sociology and Bible, and they are happy for us to add these courses.

Motion to approve by R. Brown; seconded by S. Talley; all in favor; motion passes.

37. CS 112 – New Course – Foundations of Artificial Intelligence

W. Crawford - We are working on a new AI minor that will be housed in the Honors College. It will be interdisciplinary. This is a new course that will be the nuts and bolts of the minor. The minor will look at the question of AI through various lenses, including a

theological lens. S. Talley - We have an educational slant as well. W. Crawford - We have an AI taskforce that has been meeting about a year.

Tabled.

Meeting ended at 4:27 p.m.