

**Mississippi State University**  
**University Committee on Courses and Curricula**

**Meeting Minutes**

**November 14, 2025**

**Present:** Amy Adkerson, Tracey Baham, Sawyer Bowering, Marty Bray, Randy Campbell, Tracy Craven, Jagman Dhillon, Nathan Drake, Keegan Figueroa (voted proxy via Taylor Hussey), Alexis Gregory (voted proxy via Aswathy Rai), Karolina Heathcock (voted proxy via Taylor Hussey), Evan Kaplan, Attila Karsi, Kris King, Brad Lang, JuYoung Lee, Tawny McCleon, Alyssa Miller, Danielle Molina (voted proxy via Paula Tharp), Robert Moore (voted proxy via Barry Stewart), Brittany Moore-Henderson, Emily Owen (proxy via Lynn Purnell), Tommy Parker, Andy Perkins, Krishna Poudel, Matthew Priddy (voted proxy via Andy Perkins), Aswathy Rai, Neeraj Rai (voted proxy via Aswathy Rai), Amber Robinson (voted proxy via Abigail Good), Wendy Roussin (voted proxy via Cheryl Chambers), Barry Stewart, Kenna Vowell (voted proxy via Aswathy Rai), Jim Watkins (voted proxy via Kate Frick)

**Excused:** Donna Gordon, Narcisa Pricope, Jacob Tschume, Kimberly Woodruff

**Guests:** Jonathan Barlow, Data Science Institute; Uyanga Bazaa, Communication, Media & Theatre; Seamus Freyne, Civil & Environmental Engineering; Chris Misun, Communication, Media & Theatre; Manuel Ruiz Aravena, Wildlife, Fisheries & Aquaculture; Eric Vivier, Shackouls Honors College

Perkins call the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Lang moved to approve the minutes of the October 17, 2025 meeting. Kaplan seconded the motion. The motion to approve the minutes was approved.

Stewart moved to approve the additions of CO 4843/6843 and CO 4953. Dhillon seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the course proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Stewart moved to approve the modification of BCS 2313 and the additions of CO 2933, CO 4903, CO 4943/6943, and CO 4964. Dhillon seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: BCS 2313 notes quizzes and exams, but only assignments and projects are actually listed. CO courses should list costs associated with required software/hard drives, as well as revise late work policies to comply with AOP 12.09. CO 4964 could also use additional clarification on group work. Additionally, there may be some minor syllabus edits that will be communicated to the proposers. Bray moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion pass contingent was approved.

A. Rai moved to approve the additions of FL 2133, LIN 4233/6233, PS 4673/6673, ST 8143, and FIN 4403. Gregory seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There are minor syllabus edits for each course that will be communicated to the proposers. These include updates to the descriptions, clarifying attendance policies and prerequisites, etc. Stewart moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

A. Rai moved to approve the additions of INS 3603 and INS 4603. Gregory seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: INS 3603 syllabus is missing many details for online students, and both courses are missing a link to the university syllabus, as well as needing some additional edits that will be communicated to the proposer. Stewart moved to table the course proposals based upon the stated concerns. Lang seconded. The motion to table was approved.

A. Rai moved to approve the additions of ABA 6223, ABA 8203, ABA 8763, ABA 9443, and ABA 9603. Robinson seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: These courses seem to duplicate other courses within the CHEF department, with similar titles and course codes, but there does not appear to be any intention to cross list. Dr. Perkins will discuss the goals and intent of the new courses with the department to determine if continuing with adding these courses, modifying existing courses, or cross listing will best serve the needs of the department and align with best practice. The committee also discussed the appropriateness of the 9000 level course number for courses at the masters level. Additionally, there may be some minor syllabus edits that will be communicated to the proposer. Dhillon moved to table the course proposals based upon the stated concerns. Bray seconded. The motion to table was approved.

A. Rai moved to approve the additions of ED 8653 and TECH 4873/6873. Robinson seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: ED 8653 needs additional information for distance students, particularly how they will present the final project, along with a reference to AOP 12.09. TECH 4873/6873 also needs additional information for distance students and needs to clarify the method of delivery. Dhillon moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Bray seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Kaplan moved to approve the modification of CE 3113 and the additions of CE 3321 and CE 3331. Karsi seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: There are minor syllabus edits for each course that will be communicated to the proposers. These include updates to the descriptions, clarifications to the grade scales, etc. Campbell moved to pass the course proposals contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Lang seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Kaplan moved to approve the additions of CE 2221, CE 2223, CE 3401, CE 4203, and CE 4253, and the modification of CE 4883/6883. Karsi seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: These course have inconsistencies and issues with their contact hours and schedule. Additionally, there are some other syllabus edits that will be communicated to the proposer. Stewart moved to table the course proposals based upon the stated concerns. Dhillon seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Kaplan moved to approve the modification of the BS in Biomedical Engineering. Karsi seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the program proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of NREC 2223. Molina seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: The schedule does not include the contact hours for the final exam, and the attendance/late work policy does not comply with AOP 12.09. A. Rai moved to tabled the course proposal based upon the stated concerns. Stewart seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of WFA 4133/6133. Molina seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: Class assignments are not described, but make up 45% of the grade, contact

hours for exams are not listed, and the attendance/late work policy does not comply with AOP 12.09. Lang moved to table the course proposal based upon the stated concerns. Stewart seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of WFA 4863/6863. Molina seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: Lab contact hours are not listed in the schedule and do not equal 30, and the attendance/late work policy does not comply with AOP 12.09. There were also questions about graduate and undergraduate equivalence. Stewart moved to table the course proposal based upon the stated concerns. A. Rai seconded. The motion to table was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the modification of the MAS in Organizational Leadership; Military Leadership, Non-Profit Leadership, Public Management Leadership, and Sports Leadership concentrations. Molina seconded the motion. The subcommittee that reviewed the program proposals recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of the Minor in Path of Honors. Molina seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: Dr. Eric Vivier appeared in support of the proposal and answered several questions from the committee. The curriculum for this minor is the existing curriculum for the Cursus Honorum, which is currently offered by the Shackouls Honors College as a special degree designation. The goal in creating the minor, is to appeal to students and advisors and encourage participation in the program from high achieving students, particularly with the University's new tuition model. It is not meant to replace the Cursus Honorum degree designation. The committee discussed concerns about the accessibility of the program, and whether a minor can also have a special degree designation. Because the program has a required thesis, the committee determined that it had no issue with retaining the designation, and the subcommittee that reviewed the program proposal recommended approval. The motion was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the addition of the MS in One Health. Molina seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: Courses in workflow require final approval. Lang moved to pass the program proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Stewart seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Campbell moved to approve the modification of the BS in Data Science. Molina seconded the motion. Some of the issues discussed included: Courses in workflow require final approval. Lang moved to pass the program proposal contingent upon the stated concerns being addressed. Stewart seconded. The motion to pass contingent was approved.

Lang moved to adjourn. Stewart seconded the motion. Motion to adjourn was approved and the meeting was adjourned at 3:16 pm.