

**Minutes of the Academic Affairs Committee
September 9, 2026**

Members in Attendance

Willis Jones, LaKaavia Taylor- Holman, Les Black, Quentin Sedlacek, Peter Carton

Proposals Reviewed

PhD Program Change

Proposal to establish four specializations within the PhD in Education program was moved, seconded, and carried. The 4 specialization areas are Education Policy and Leadership, Educational Measurement, Teaching and Learning, and Sport Management.

PhD New Courses Proposals

Proposal to create 7 new courses for the planned specializations within the PhD program was moved, seconded, and carried. The new courses approved were:

EDU 7328 Special Topics in Teaching and Learning

EDU 7349 Engaging Students through Active Learning, Groupwork, and Inquiry

EDU 7362 Race, Power, and Politics: The History of Urban Education

APSM 7305 Sport Communication

APSM 7306 Scholarly Writing and Publication in Sport Management

APSM 7307 Sport Consumer Behavior

EDU 7101 Research Colloquium in Teaching and Learning

EPL Program Modality Change Proposal

Proposal to move the Master's in K-12 Educational Leadership to a fully online program format was moved, seconded, and carried.

Counseling New Course Proposals

Proposal to create 4 new courses related to the previously approved undergraduate minor in Counseling was moved, seconded, and carried. The new courses approved were:

HDCN 4330 Grief, Loss, and Crisis Management

HDCN 4331 Cultural Intelligence in Social Settings

HDCN 3331 Creative Play Across the Lifespan

Sport Management Undergraduate Major Program Change

Proposed changes to the structure of the Sport Management Undergraduate Major were moved, seconded, and carried. Changes include updating required courses and creating new elective courses.