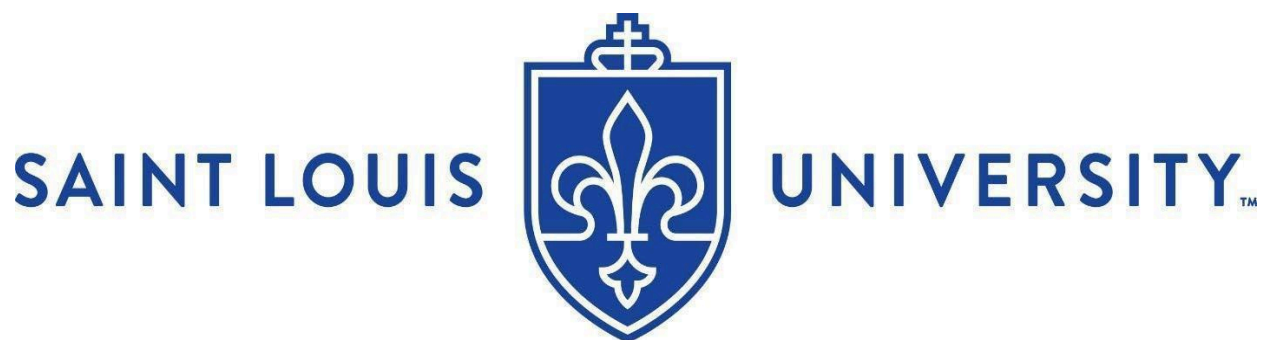




Undergraduate Academic Affairs Committee Minutes

May 7, 2026

9:00 am – 10:30 am

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Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, E. Baker, M. Cope, K. Crews, E. Crowell, P. Dotson, S. Dugo (for Jean Marie Cox), J. Haugen, T. James, S. Lee, C. McGroarty, G. Merys, D. Manos, V. Murugan, N. Mispagel, J. Nichols, S. Nickell, B. Perlman, H. Reiter, L. Russell, S. Sell, L. Sweetman, A. Zampaulo

Absent/Excused: R. Rosenberg, S. Tyuse

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:00 am.

I. Approval of Meeting Minutes

- April 2, 2026, Minutes – Motion to approve by Joseph Nichols and second by Andre Zampaulo. All in favor.

II. Academic Programs

• Majors

- Neuroscience (CIM 97) – Request made to committee to add this to the agenda as a substantive change. Proposed streamlining of continuation standards by reducing the required major GPA from 3.0 to 2.7. Additional proposed revisions involve coursework and course requirements and are not considered substantive changes. CAS voted favorably on the 2.7 continuation standard. UAAC Committee members agreed to add the item to the May 14th Subcommittee agenda. The change is intended to provide greater flexibility for students and create a more streamlined process for Fall 2026.

• Minors

- Flight Science (CIM 481) – Substantive change. Proposed fee adjustments for flight time due to significant changes in FAA regulations. Changes are intended to improve efficiency and support on-time graduation by ensuring courses are completed within the semester while maintaining compliance with FAA regulations. Course lengths were appropriately adjusted.
- Russian Studies (CIM 120) – Voluntary closure -- The department and program are moving forward with voluntary closure due to lack of student demand. No teach-out plan is necessary, as one remaining student has completed all coursework.
- **Concentrations** - None
- **Micro-Credentials** - None
- **Certificates** – None
- **Accelerated Bachelor's to Master's Programs (ABM Program)** - None
- **Informational Items: New 7-year B.S. + M.D. Accelerated Program**
 - This accelerated program is an Initiative from the School of Medicine. Dr. Eva Gonzales was charged with identifying pre-med programs willing to participate in an accelerated 7-year B.S. + M.D. pathway. Medical school tuition would apply during the senior year.
 - Discussion included the following:
 - Existing pathway programs will require additional curriculum mapping and are currently being held.
 - The M1 year will count as the senior undergraduate year.
 - The program is intended to serve as a market differentiator.
 - Initially, only five students will participate.
 - Students will be identified by the end of their freshman year and are required to take the MCAT.
 - Biology will allow M1 courses to count toward the undergraduate major.
 - Comparable equivalencies exist at peer institutions.

Additional discussion points included:

- Admissions requirements, including class rank and ACT scores.
- Recognition that many high schools no longer rank students.
- Concern that one semester at SLU provides limited college-level academic history for acceleration decisions.
- Future conversations regarding moving courses into sophomore and junior years.
- Biology roadmap and CORE requirements, including attributes.
- Students must complete Core requirements by year three.
- Collaborative Inquiry/Core 4000 is a zero-credit foundational course.
- This program is not intended to replace the Med Scholars program.

Proposed Programs

- Nutrition and Dietetics, B.S. to Medicine, M.D. (CIM 887)
- Biology, B.A. to Medicine, M.D. (CIM 888)

These proposals were unable to advance to subcommittee given they remain in either the college/school approval process or the UAAC Pre-Review queue. Dr. Dorsey will share the UAAC Committee feedback in preparation for next academic year.

III. Old Business

A. Academic Program Approvals/Closures

- Academic Program Proposal and Policy Approvals/Closures -None
- Academic Programs --The following programs were approved by CADD and the Provost on April 22, 2026:
 - Healthcare Quality and Operational Performance Micro credential (CIM 871)
 - Healthcare Compliance & Quality Micro credential (CIM 872)
 - Clinical Foundations for Health Professionals Micro credential (CIM 873)
 - Clinical Documentation and Health Information Foundations Micro credential (CIM 874)
 - Clinical Research and Health Data Analytics Micro credential (CIM 875)
 - Revenue Cycle and Healthcare Financial Operations Micro credential (CIM 876)
 - Gender and Health Micro credential (CIM 866)
 - Mathematics, B.A. to M.A. Accelerated Program (CIM 849)

B. Academic Policies

- Dually Listed Course Policy – Currently under review and scheduled for a CADD vote at the May 27th meeting.
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IV. Policy Review

- Microcredential Policy – revisions
Discussion at CADD resulted in revisions and updates to clarify policy language. Broader questions were raised regarding the overall purpose and effectiveness of micro credentials. Committee members noted:
 - Microcredentials should not simply serve as tools to expand majors.
 - Assessment and measurable outcomes need further review.
 - There is very little current outcomes data.
 - The committee should conduct an internal review of the effectiveness of microcredentials.

- The Registrar's noted:
Microcredentials remain a growing trend. SLU is only two years into implementation and should allow additional time before limiting expansion. Students are enthusiastic about digital badges. The language programs have seen enrollment increases from 56 to 80 students.
 - Course Extension Policy – revisions Tabled
 - Undergraduate Academic Standing – friendly amendments – Tabled
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V. Discussion Items

- Committee members terming out:
 - Dimitra Manos
 - Scott Sell
 - Sabrina Tyuse
 - Sophia Lee
 - New SGA Representative: Hana Rahman
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VI. Announcements

- Next meeting: September 3, 2026
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VII. Adjournment

- Meeting adjourned at approximately 10:30 AM.
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