



Undergraduate Academic Affairs Sub-Committee

Minutes

Thursday, September 10, 2026

DBG Room 406

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, A. Alagic, B. Brown (for J. Nichols), K. Crews, E. Crowell, T. James, J. Haugen, C. McGroarty, J. Nichols, S. Nickell, H. Rahman, H. Reiter, L. Russell, R. Way, A. Zampaulo

Absent/Excused: R. Crowe, J. Nichols, R. Rosenberg

- I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes** – May 14, 2026. Motion to approve Laurie Russell, second Andre Zampaulo; all in favor.
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II. Academic Program(s)

- **Majors** - None
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- **Minors** - None

- **Concentration** - None

- **Micro-Credentials** - None
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- **Certificates** – None

- **Accelerated/ABM Programs**

- **Nutrition & Dietetics, B.S. to Medicine, M.D. (CIM 887)** – The committee reviewed a proposed 7-year accelerated pathway from the B.S. in Nutrition and Dietetics to the M.D. degree. A similar proposal is expected to be presented to UAAC in October by the Department of Biology. Discussions are ongoing among representatives from Health Sciences, Medical Sciences, and Neuroscience regarding participation in the program.

- Health Sciences plans to submit their proposal to its college curriculum committee in October with UAAC review anticipated in November 2026.
- Standard eligibility requirements for progression to the M1 year have been identified in accordance with LCME expectations. Proposed admission revisions include the removal of high school class rank requirements and modifications to ACT/SAT expectations; if a student does not submit an ACT score, the student will be required to take the exam in their freshman year. Additional criteria will include review of freshman-year spring grades, demonstrated community service, and evidence of interest in medicine beyond coursework. Enrollment Management and the School of Medicine will determine how the last two requirements will be assessed and documented.
- Continuation Standards - students must maintain a minimum 3.65 GPA, achieve the required MCAT threshold (generally 508 or higher), and remain on track to complete all major and Core requirements by the end of the junior year. Students who do not advance into the medical program will return to their undergraduate program without penalty and may pursue the traditional pre-med pathway.
- The proposal also replaces the South Campus advisor role with a mentoring model. Chad Miller indicated that three hours of mentoring will be provided during the fall semester on the North campus. An initial pilot cohort of five to seven students is anticipated.
- Committee discussion focused on curriculum alignment, Core requirements, and the availability of writing-intensive coursework typically required by medical schools. Potential collaborations with English, History, and Health Care Ethics were discussed to support course availability. It was noted that the University may reserve seats in select courses required for the program. The committee affirmed that completion of the Undergraduate Core remains an HLC requirement and will not be waived for this cohort-based program.
- The anticipated program launch date is January 2027, with partnership development currently underway to support implementation.
- **Motion:** Motion to approve made by Steve Nickell and seconded by Christina McGroarty. Motion carried unanimously.

● **Informational Items – None**

III. Old Business: Academic Program Proposal and Policy Approvals/Closures

The following items were previously approved by CADD and the Provost on May 27, 2026:

- Russian Studies Minor (CIM 120) - Closure Approved
 - Dually Listed Course Policy - Approved
 - Micro credential Policy Revision - Approved
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IV. Policy Review

- Policy on Credit by Assessment via the American Council on Education (ACE) – no questions.
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V. Discussion Items – None

VI. Announcements - None

The next UAAC Sub-committee Meeting: October 8, 2026