

**UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA**  
**Undergraduate Council**  
**Minutes for October 28, 2024**

**PRESENT:** Adriana Uruena-Agnes, Chair (AC), Candi Ashley (EU), Catherine Belden (NR), Brendan Cook (AC), Allyson Duffy (NR), Alessio Gaspar (EN), Landon Green (CDAP), Marc Lajeunesse (AC), Jocilyn Martinez (AC), Christine McGuire-Wolfe (PH), Bonita Pollock (LIB), Nasreen Sadeq (BC), Michael Snipes (AC)

**ABSENT:** Mike Sinclair (BU), Andrea Smith (BC), Ryan Toomey (EN), Erica Toothman (AC)

**GUESTS/EX-OFFICIO:** Ronald “Oscar” Bernard (NR), Kyna Betancourt (US), Joseph Boyd (STP-AA), Cynthia Brown Hernandez (ODS), Tara Centeno (UAA), Theresa Chisolm (UAA), Allison Crume (UGS), Cindy DeLuca (UVPSS), Lorene Hall Jennings (UAA), Colin Forbes (UGS), Rebecca Gibbons (ODS), Lisa Landis (CBCS), Prasant Mohapatra (UAA), Ali Mrani Alaoui (UGS), Jung Chul Park (BU), Ashley Reese (OP&EVP), Sudeep Sarkar (EN), David Simmons (EN), Robyn Tornay (RO), Tanya Vomacka (UAA)

**Meeting Called to Order at 3:00 p.m. (EST).**

**1. Welcome and Announcements**

Adriana welcomed the council members to another Undergraduate Council meeting. Two new council members, Dr Daniel Marlin and Dr Landon Green, were welcomed.

**2. Approval of September 23, 2024 Undergraduate Council Meeting Minutes**

The minutes were approved (no revisions).

**3. Informational Items**

**1. General Education at USF – Provost Mohapatra**

The Provost reminded the council of the changes towards General Education (Gen Ed) per SB 266 and BOG regulation 8.005, which outlines a new annual review and approval process for Gen Ed courses. These changes were also recounted to the council in Spring 2024. For this academic year, a selection of courses were flagged by the state as being incompatible with the new regulations, and these courses, along with a selection of others, were submitted by the Articulation Coordinating Committee to the state for review. There have not yet been any approvals or denials by the state, and the submitted list is still in a state of flux by the university. The list has not been finalized.

One of the most explicit changes to the state guidelines is that any major-specific courses that require significant prerequisite knowledge (such as capstones and internships) are not permitted to be classified as gen eds. Special Topics, also, are not permitted due to their dynamic nature. When asked if there would then be

enough Gen Ed courses to meet the size of the student body, the answer was not exacting. There was a significant drop in courses, but the respective leadership and faculty teams have been working with the state to ensure that there are enough courses to meet demand.

Richard Simmons of Faculty Senate charged the Undergraduate Council to engage in curricular review and revision. For Gen Ed courses that will have their attribute stripped, it is paramount that courses still meet their required 120 (or otherwise respective) number of credit hours, while also ensuring there is no double-counting. Adriana plans to meet with council members in future meetings to set up plan to create unity between all courses.

**2. New College: College of Artificial Intelligence, Cybersecurity and Computing – Sudeep Sarkar (Fall 2025)**

Dr Sarkar informed the council that the new college, abbreviated CAICC, has been approved by the Faculty Senate and will now move forward in instituting their new curriculum. All computer science majors barring Computer Engineering will be folded into CAICC. In total, CAICC plans to feature five undergraduate programs consisting of three minor modifications to the pre-existing computer science majors and two new majors—B.S. Artificial Intelligence and B.S. Computer Science and Engineering.

Five additional programs are slated for 2026. These will be blended interdisciplinary majors that will bridge the gap between computer science and other disciplines, with each college contributing 50% of the curricula. Sociology, psychology, business analytics, criminology, and education have been chosen for this preliminary phase, but the college hopes to expand their offerings in future.

**3. B.S. in Risk Management and Insurance Campus Expansion – Cynthia Brown Hernandez (Spring 2025)**

Cynthia informed the council that the major, currently offered only in Sarasota, will be expanded to Tampa and St. Petersburg come Spring 2025.

**4. B.S.C.E. in Civil Engineering Credit Hour Reduction – Cynthia Brown Hernandez (Fall 2025)**

Civil Engineering will be reducing their credit hours from 131 to 128. This comes from a charge from the BOG requesting all SUS institutions to review their programs over 120 hours with the prospect of a reduction. USF has four programs that meet this definition. Civil Engineering decided to reduce their hours to 128 while keeping their curriculum in alignment with ABED and other AAU institutions.

**5. Name Change: Department of Mechanical Engineering to Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering – Cynthia Brown Hernandez (Fall 2025)**

Mechanical Engineering will change the names of their bachelor's, master's, and doctorate programs to align with the new aerospace minor approved in Spring 2024 and the new aerospace major effective 2025-2026.

**6. Program Discontinue: Modern Greek Minor – Adriana Uruena-Agnes (eff. 25-26)**

The Modern Greek minor will be discontinued Spring 2025. The courses in this program are no longer offered. There will be no impact to other courses or programs in the university.

**4. Consent Items (All Effective 25-26)**

1. AFR 1101 – DAF Professionalism **APPROVED**
2. AFR 1120 – DAF Competition and Security **APPROVED**
3. APK 4136 – Exercise Prescription **APPROVED**
4. CIS 4204 – Ethical Hacking **APPROVED**
5. CIS 4361 – Information Assurance and Security Management for IT **APPROVED**
6. CIS 4365 – Computer Security Policies and Disaster Preparedness **APPROVED**
7. ECH 3023 – Material and Energy Balances **APPROVED**
8. ECH 4123 – Chemical Engineering Thermodynamics II **APPROVED**
9. LIS 3352 – Interaction Design **APPROVED**
10. LIS 3783 – Information Architecture **APPROVED**
11. LIS 4273 – Advanced Statistics & Analytics **APPROVED**
12. LIS 4317 – Introduction to Visual Analytics **APPROVED**
13. LIS 4365 – Web Design Technologies **APPROVED**
14. LIS 4370 – R Programming for Data Science **APPROVED**
15. LIS 4482 – Networks and Communication **APPROVED**
16. LIS 4761 – Introduction to Data and Text Mining **APPROVED**
17. LIS 4805 – Predictive Analytics **APPROVED**
18. LIS 4930 – Selected Topics in Information Science **APPROVED**
19. LIS 4934 – Information Science Senior Capstone **APPROVED**
20. PSY 4724 – Programming with Data for Psychological Science **APPROVED**
21. STA 3024 – Introductory Statistics II **APPROVED**

**5. Old Business**

**New Curriculum Proposals**

1. [B.S. FinTech Pre-Proposal](#) (eff. 26-27) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES) **APPROVED**

**New Course Proposals**

1. [MUN 3813 - Contemporary Commercial Ensemble](#) (eff. 26-27) (BONITA POLLARD)

**TABLED**

## 6. New Business

### New Curriculum Proposals - (Proposals Needing Reviewer Assignment)

1. Aerospace Engineering B.S.A.E. (eff. 25-26) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES)
2. [Lifestyle Medicine Minor](#) (eff. 26-27) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES)

### Program Change Proposals - (Proposals Needing Reviewer Assignment)

1. Applied Science B.S.A.S., with Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration (eff. 25-26) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES)
2. Dance B.A., with Dance Studies Concentration (eff. 25-26) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES)
3. Dance B.F.A., with Modern Dance Concentration (eff. 25-26) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES)
4. General Studies B.G.S., with Applied Behavior Analysis Concentration (eff. 25-26) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES)
5. Integrated Public Relations and Advertising B.S. (eff. 25-26) (ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES)

### New Course Proposals - (Proposals Needing Reviewer Assignment)

1. AML 4265 – Florida Writers (eff. 25-26) (BRENDAN COOK/CANDI ASHLEY)
2. EAS 3819 – Aerospace Laboratory II (eff. 25-26) (MICHAEL SNIPES)
3. EAS 4251 – Structural Vibrations (eff. 25-26) (MICHAEL SNIPES)
4. EAS 4400 – Stability Control (eff. 25-26) (NASREEN SADEQ)
5. EAS 4411 – Motion Planning (eff. 25-26) (NASREEN SADEQ)
6. EAS 4709 – Capstone I (eff. 25-26) (ALLYSON DUFFY)
7. EAS 4719 – Capstone II (eff. 25-26) (ALLYSON DUFFY)
8. EAS 4930 – Special Topics in AE (eff. 25-26) (ALESSIO GASPAR)
9. EML 3008 – Electrical Circuits (eff. 25-26) (ALESSIO GASPAR)
10. ENT 4933 – Selected Topics in Entrepreneurship (eff. 25-26) (JOCILYN MARTINEZ/DANIEL MARLIN)
11. HUM 4314 – Utopia and Science Fiction (eff. 25-26) (CATHERINE BELDEN/LONDON GREEN)

### Course Change Proposals - (Proposals Needing Reviewer Assignment)

1. [HSC 4851 - Health Sciences Internship](#) (eff. 26-27) (CANDI ASHLEY/ADRIANA URUENA-AGNES)

**Meeting Adjourned at 4:22 p.m. (EST).**