

Undergraduate Academic Affairs Sub-Committee Minutes

Thursday, March 13, 2025 - 9:00 am – 10:30 am

DB 406

Members in Attendance: L. Dorsey, G. Barker, K. Crews, E. Crowell, J. Haugen, D. Manos, L. McLaughlin, J. Nichols, F. Niederman, S. Sell, S. Tyuse, A. Zampaulo

Absent/Excused: E. Baker, L. Billadeau, T. Breitbach, V. Murugan, R. Rosenberg, M. Touns

Call to Order: Dr. Dorsey called the meeting to order at 9:05 am.

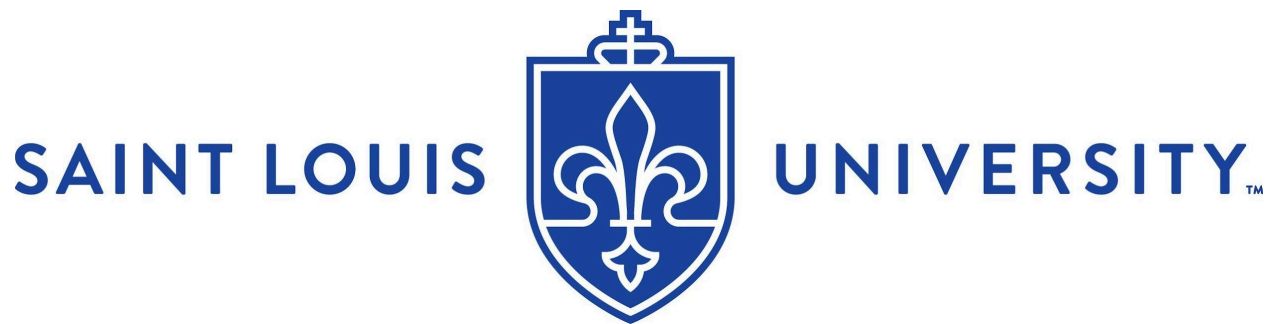
I. **Approval of Meeting Minutes – February 13, 2025**

Motion to approve minutes was put forth by Kyle Crews and seconded by Scott Sell. All in favor -- Minutes were approved by the committee.

II. **Academic Program(s):**

- Minors
 - Urban Studies (CIM 108) – significant change. Dr. Dorsey provided a summary of the changes, the minor has moved to the Department of Sociology and Anthropology, this minor is not a requirement for Micah students, and the previous capstone requirement (which was atypical for a minor) was removed from the minor. The UAAC Subcommittee had no concerns about the substantive changes or the separation from Micah. There being no additional questions, a motion to approve by Gary Barker and seconded by Ellen Crowell. All in favor.
- Micro-credentials
 - Criminal Justice for Engineering and Technical Professionals (CIM 729) – Dr. Dorsey provided committee feedback from the last UAAC meeting to Dr. Dyan McGuire. Dr. Dorsey shared Dr. McGuire’s feedback response with the committee and will provide the additional UAAC feedback noted below to Dr. McGuire.
 - The committee continues to be concerned that the title is too limited - only for SSE students. In addition, the lack of a technical course in the proposed curriculum does not support the title.
 - The committee remains concerned that too few students will declare this credential given the curriculum is so narrow. Therefore, the committee recommended a collaborative opportunity with SSE faculty by diversifying the curriculum via possibly changing the elective to an SSE tech course.

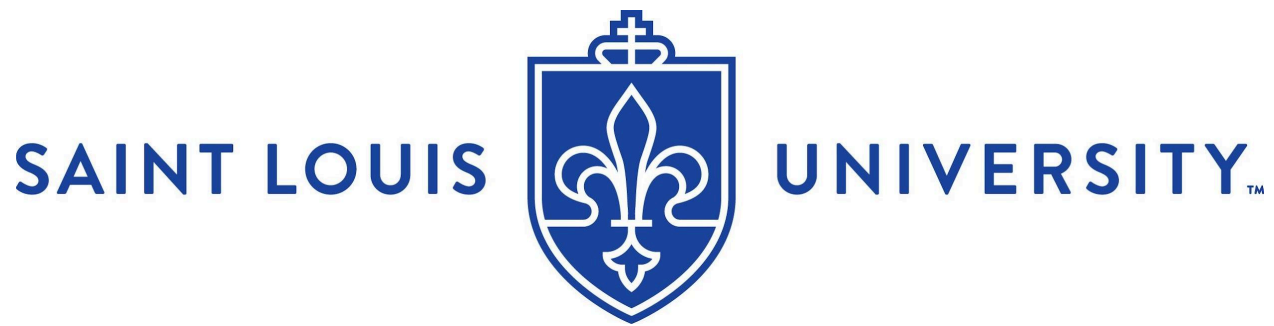
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- How will CCJ know how the student's technical training/education is applied in the micro-credential?
 - Program probation and continuation standards will need to be noted in the proposal. Point of clarification, what is the grade threshold necessary to progress in the credential - D? You will note in the sample language that I provided some require a grade of C for continuation.
- Applied Data Science in the Social Sciences (CIM 614) – significant change. Dr. Dorsey provided a summary of the changes, one of the three required courses has changed from a 2000 level to a 4000 level course to better support the curricular scaffolding of the other courses. There are no prerequisite courses for the 2000 level course – there were for the previous 4000 level course which also limited student access to the micro-credential. There being no additional questions, a motion to approve by Kyle Crews and seconded by Scott Sell. All in favor.
- Informational Items - none
- III. Old Business:
- IV. Policy Review:
- LOA – the subcommittee provided feedback on our current draft revision of our Leave of Absence Policy:
 - When students are put in treatment facilities they cannot reach out and therefore a mid-semester LOA allows university communication to continue to flow. If they are not put on a real time LOA their record will be closed and therefore limit university communication important for re-onboarding the student.
 - The proposed revisions seem to be more reflective of how students come to campus these days.
 - One member reported noting an increase in LOA requests during week 2 of the semester.
 - Should there be/could there be a statement about international students going on LOA needing to connect with OIS regarding VISA rules and regulations – should the LOA request also be approved by OIS if an international student?

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- o What about the 6 hours – petition needs to be congruent with the words and parameters in the policy. This needs to be congruent with the SLU transfer articulation policy. Petition for the 6 and it counts toward the 8.
- o Undergraduate LOA – typically LOA requests are not denied – is there a need to know why? Maybe not?

V. Discussion Item: None

VI. Announcements:

- Next UAAC Sub-Committee Meeting April 8, 2025