

UNC GREENSBORO
GENERAL EDUCATION COUNCIL
MINUTES
Friday, January 16, 2026
1:30 - 3:30 PM • 2711 MHRA

Members present: Jessica McCall, Hunter Bacot, Kara Bisceglie, Angela Bolte, Sarah Cervenak, Kristie Davis-Collins, Hannah Grannemann, Amy Harris Houk, Izzet Lofca, Jessica Obermeyer, Jodi Pettazzoni, Spencer Russell, Dana Saunders

Members Absent: Jim Coleman

AGENDA ITEMS:

I. Welcome back and Member Introductions

Chair welcomed members; self-introductions followed.

II. Approval of Minutes of December 10, 2025, meeting.

Motion to approve December 10, 2025, meeting minutes (Grannemann, Bacot), motion approved.

III. MAC Course Proposals

Old Business:

- New Course Proposal: FYE 100 Online Students Succeed at the G. Request to add MAC Foundations competency effective Fall 2026. (*Tabled - Additional information is needed to address how the Information Literacy SLOs are being met in the course*). Additional information received.
Action: Motion to approve (Harris Houk, Cervenak), motion approved with 2 abstentions.
- New Course Proposal: FYE 105 Exploratory Students Succeed at the G. Request to add MAC Foundations competency effective Fall 2026. (*Tabled - Additional information is needed to address how the Information Literacy SLOs are being met in the course*). Additional information received.
Action: Motion to approve (Harris Houk, Cervenak), motion approved with 2 abstentions.
- New Course Proposal: FYE 110 Nursing Students Succeed at the G. Request to add MAC Foundations competency effective Fall 2026. (*Tabled - Additional information is needed to address how the Information Literacy SLOs are being met in the course*). Additional information received.
Action: Motion to approve (Harris Houk, Cervenak), motion approved with 2 abstentions.
- New Course Proposal: FYE 115 Business Students Succeed at the G. Request to add MAC Foundations competency effective Fall 2026. (*Tabled - Additional information is needed to address how the Information Literacy SLOs are being met in the course*). Additional information received.
Action: Motion to approve (Harris Houk, Cervenak), motion approved with 2 abstentions.

New Business:

- New Course Proposal: ADS 240 Black Foodways and Cultures. Request to add MAC Global Engagement and Intercultural Learning competency effective Fall 2026.
Action: Motion to approve pending alignment of assignments with SLOs (Harris Houk, Cervenak), motion approved.

- New Course Proposal: THR 203 Theatre, Storytelling & Media. Request to add MAC Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Humanities and Fine Arts competency.
Action: Motion to approve (Grannemann, Russell), motion approved with 1 abstention.
- New Course Proposal: WGS 290 Women, Gender, and Freedom in U.S. History. Request to add MAC Civics & Community competency.
Action: Motion to approve (Harris Houk, David-Collins), motion approved with 1 recusal.

IV. MAC Advisor Appeals

- 62 – Request to allow PHY 2253 to satisfy MAC Data Analysis and Interpretation competency.
Action: Motion to approve (Obermeyer, Cervenak), motion approved with 2 abstentions.
- 63 – Request to allow SLS 1515 to satisfy MAC Foundations competency.
Action: Motion to table (Russell, Grossi), motion approved. Additional documentation (syllabus) needed to determine alignment.

Council members discussed Foundations Competency, and how the courses are transferred to UNCG. Suggestion to review the competency's framing language.

V. Recertification

- Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Humanities & Fine Arts
 - Hannah Grannemann
 - Sarah Cervenak
- Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Social & Behavioral Sciences
 - Jeff Sarbaum
 - Jessica Obermeyer
- Critical Thinking and Inquiry in the Natural Sciences
 - Spencer Russell
- Global Engagement and Intercultural Learning
- Oral Communication
 - Jessica McCall
- Written Communication

We have extended the submission deadline to February 16, 2026. Jessica shared the recertification review timeline:

- All submissions are due by February 16
- Proposals ready for subcommittee review by February 27
- Subcommittees complete their reviews by April 2026
- Summer 2026: Work with departments to revise/update syllabi (if needed)
- Final approval/action effective Fall 2027

Members were asked to consider which subcommittee/competency they would like to work with and to identify members for those subcommittees.

The recertification and assessment processes will most likely change with the new syllabus policy.

VI. IC Update

Jodi shared that the IC has been managing student success appeals as needed and has been discussing revisions to different policies. The primary project has been developing faculty, staff, and student surveys for the upcoming program evaluation. Student and faculty surveys are expected to begin in late January, with focus groups beginning late February through March. Jodi asked members for input on strategies for engaging the administration in the process.

Kara provided an update on the spring online seat reservation pilot which reserved 20% of the seats in MAC online sections. While there were a few hiccups, the pilot was overall successful. Jodi advised that surveys will be launched for online students and instructors to gather feedback about policies and processes related to all online learning.

VII. Chair-elect:

- Nomination and election of Chair-elect for the year 2025-2026.