

Academic Council Minutes

July 2025

Midwestern State University

The Academic Council did not meet in person, but an electronic vote was requested of the voting members of the council. The following items were adopted by the voting members below.

Voting Members:

Ms. Leah Gose, Dean, Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts

Dr. Jeff Killion, Dean, Robert D. and Carol Gunn College of Health Sciences and Human Services

Dr. Jeff Stambaugh, Dean, Dillard College of Business Administration

Dr. Bob Brennan, Dean, McCoy College of Science, Mathematics, and Engineering

Dr. Sam Watson, Dean, Prothro-Yeager College of Humanities and Social Sciences

Dr. Tiffany Ziegler, Dean, Dr. Billie Doris McAda Graduate School

Approval of Minutes

The voting members above approved the June 2025 minutes via electronic vote.

Old Business

There was no old business

New Business

1. Core Catalog Change – Leah Gose

New Business

Lamar D. Fain College of Fine Arts – Ms. Gose

Remove from Core Curriculum - MCOM 2243

MCOM 2243 - Media Writing and Reporting
(TCCNS = COMM 2311)

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(formerly 1243)

Prerequisite(s): Cannot be enrolled concurrently with MCOM 3313.

A workshop course focusing on news reporting and writing techniques used in both traditional print media and Internet publishing. Students will be introduced to the basics of accuracy, clarity, word choice, journalistic style, story structure, and deadlines. Coverage of on-campus news events is supplemented by deadline writing exercises in a classroom laboratory.

~~Core Code: 010B—Communication~~

Writing Intensive (WI): Meets one of the courses in the Writing Proficiency Requirement.

Communication - 6 semester hours (010A/010B)

- ENGL 1143 - Introduction to Critical Reading and Academic Writing 3

Choose 3 hours from:

- ENGL 1153 - Introduction to Reading and Writing about Culture 3
- ENGL 2123 - Rhetoric of Visuals and Infographics 3
- ENGL 2203 - Introduction to Professional Writing 3
- MCOM 1603 - Writing for the Digital World
- ~~MCOM 2243—Media Writing and Reporting 3~~
- MCOM 2403 - Social Media 3
- SPCH 1133 - Fundamentals of Speech Communication 3
- SPCH 2423 - Interpersonal Communication 3

Respectfully submitted,

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