

APSC Actions – Spring 2026

- I. **APSC approved the following new courses:**
 - a. **HIST 207 History of the Climate Crisis** (Jan. 19, Jan. 26)
 - b. **HEST 110 Medical Terminology** (Jan. 19, Jan. 26)
 - c. **HEST 111 Nutrition** (Jan. 19, Jan. 26)
 - d. **HIST 321/EASN 321/WGSS 321 Gender and Sexuality in Modern Japanese History** (Jan. 26)
 - e. **HIST 261/EASN 261 History of Medicine and the Body in East Asia** (Jan. 26)
 - f. **HIST 262/EASN 262 Life and Death in the Age of the Samurai and Geisha** (Jan. 26)
 - g. **ECON 357 Empirical Finance** (Jan. 26)
 - h. **BIOL 130 Ecology of the Cumberland Valley** (Jan. 26, Feb. 2)
 - i. **NRSC 215 Statistics for the Life Sciences** (Feb. 9)
 - j. **NRSC 317 Neuroplasticity** (Feb. 9)
 - k. **NRSC 417 Neurobiology of Addiction** (Feb. 9)
 - l. **INTD 260 AI as a Partner** (Feb. 2, Feb. 9, March 2, March 16)
 - m. **FMST 201 Theories and Methods in Film Studies** (Feb. 9)

- II. **APSC approved the following pilot courses:**
 - a. **HPPG 101 Exploring the Health Professions Two-Year Pilot (0.5 credits)** (Jan. 19, Jan. 26)
 - b. **HPPG 401 Healthcare Career Preparation Capstone Two-Year Pilot (0.5 credits)** (Jan. 19, Jan. 26)

- III. **APSC approved the following curriculum changes:**
 - a. **Revision of the Art & Art History Major Studio Art concentration** (Jan. 19)
 - b. **Renaming of the Pre-Health program to the Health Professions Program** (Jan. 19, Jan. 26)
 - c. **Capacity overrides above ten percent were administratively approved for ENST 406, GEOS 333, JDST 240/RELG 240/WGSS 201** (Feb. 2)
 - d. **Addition of a lab to GEOS 335 Physics of the Earth** (Feb. 9)
 - e. **Alternate first-year seminar time slot for Kendall Thompson for fall 2026 only** (Feb. 9, Feb. 16)
 - f. **Request from GEAC for Agritourism, Caribbean Environments, and Food Culture on the Isle of Spice: A Grenada Mosaic** (Feb. 16)
 - g. **Request from GEAC for the Gender and Sexuality in Denmark Mosaic** (Feb. 16)
 - h. **THDA 131-133 Meeting Time Change** (Feb. 23)
 - i. **New Major in Finance** (Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 2, March 16)
 - j. **Request from GEAC for the Sustainability and Energy Transition in Germany Mosaic** (Feb. 16, Feb. 23)
 - k. **FATS Time Spread Exceptions** (March 2)
 - l. **LATN 101, 102 Change to the Number of Weekly Class Meetings** (March 2)
 - m. **CLST 140/FMST 210 Ancient Worlds on Film Addition of Film Viewing Time** (March 2)
 - n. **Changes to the AMST Major and Minor** (March 16, March 23)
 - o. **AMST 201 Introduction to American Studies changed to AMST 150** (March 16)
 - p. **AMST 202 Workshop in Cultural Analysis** (March 16)
 - q. **Endorsement of Advising Reimagined** (March 16)
 - r. **EDST 470 Course Day/Time Schedule Exception** (March 23)
 - s. **Removal of the “Appropriate for First-Years” designation** (Feb. 16, March 2, March 23)

- t. **Change to the LALC 490 Senior Seminar Meeting Time for AY 26-27** (March 30)
 - u. **Request from BIOL for a course capacity increase for Fall 2026 to BIOL 326** (April 6)
 - v. **Request from BIOL for a course capacity increase for Fall 2026 to BIOL 343** (April 6)
 - w. **The addition of MUAC 245, MUAC 246 and MUAC 357 as electives in the Music and Sound Studies emphasis** (April 6)
 - x. **Request for a non-traditional teaching time for INBM 110 in fall 2026** (April 13)
 - y. **Request from EDST for the continuation of the hybrid format for EDST 140 in spring 2026** (April 13)
 - z. **Continuation of the Hebrew Language Hybrid Proposal for Fall 2026** (May 4)
 - aa. **Request for a Faculty Approved Time Slot Exception for MUAC 401** (May 4)
- IV. APSC denied the following:**
- a. **LATN student assistant** (March 2)
- V. APSC approved changes to the following policies:**
- a. **Leave of Absence Policy** (March 2)
 - b. **Academic Misconduct Policy** (March 23)
 - c. **The change of “Academic Probation” to “Academic Notice”** (April 20)
- VI. Hiring**
- a. **Discussion of the Faculty Position Requests submitted in spring 2026** (March 23, March 30, April 6, April 13)
- VII. Discussions**
- a. **Drafting APSC questions for the certificate-related representatives** (Jan. 19)
 - b. **Native American and Indigenous Studies Minor Draft Proposal (for review/feedback only)** (Jan. 19, Feb. 9)
 - c. **Certificates discussion with Asun Arnedo, Tiffany Frey and Andy Wolff** (Feb. 2)
 - d. **Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences Assessment** (Feb. 2, Feb. 9)
 - e. **Permanent approval of Kendall Thompson’s first-year seminar time exception** (Feb. 9)
 - f. **THDA 131-133 Meeting Time Change** (Feb. 23)
 - ~~g.~~ **New Major in Film and Media Studies** (Jan. 19, Feb. 9, Feb. 23, March 2, March 2)
 - h. **Guidance on Adjusting Caps or Number of Sections for Senior Seminars** (March 2)
 - i. **Departmental Honors and Prizes** (March 16, April 27)
 - j. **MUAC 495 Honors Thesis in Music and Sound Studies New Course Proposal** (April 6, April 20)
 - k. **First-Year Seminar/Mosaic Pilot** (April 27)
 - l. **Revision of the New Course Proposal Form** (April 27)
 - m. **Roll Call Reports** (April 27)
- VIII. Announcements**
- a. **Renée Cramer introduced Brett Hendrickson, who is taking part in a fellowship program run by the American Council on Education, and noted that he will be attending some APSC meetings this semester.** (Jan. 19)
 - b. **Renée Cramer reported that she is responding to the proposed APSC-related Handbook changes with a restructuring and reorganization of how her Academic Affairs team meets.** (Jan. 19)

- c. **Renée Cramer spoke briefly about snow/ice closures and teaching expectations during those closures.** (Jan. 19)
- d. **Sarah Niebler reported that there are four faculty listening sessions regarding the Academic Handbook changes scheduled for the week of January 26** (Jan. 19)
- e. **Renée Cramer requested a discussion on engaging faculty in understanding student athletes, ex. fall 2026 volleyball schedule.** (Jan. 19)
- f. **Evan Young reported that the Hebrew Language sequence will be taught in-person in Spring 2026. The tentatively approved hybrid format is not needed.** (Jan. 19)
- g. **Renée Cramer gave an update on the Board of Trustees meeting.** (Feb. 9)
- h. **Renée Cramer reported that Dickinson's accomplishment rate is 96 percent, which is one point up from last year. By comparison, the national accomplishment rate is 85.5 percent.** (Feb. 9)
- i. **Ben Ruckel and Avin Ramratnam reported that Student Senate will be hosting a majors' fair this Thursday from 6:30 to 7:30 pm in the Rector Atrium.** (Feb. 16)
- j. **Evan Young announced that Aditi Bhargava '28 is our new Student Senate representative to APSC.** (March 2)
- k. **Evan Young reported the possible use of small brainstorming groups within the committee for spearheading initial discussions on some of the pending items remaining in the spring 2026 semester.** (March 2)
- l. **Evan Young reported that Tony Underwood was voted as APSC Chair for 2026-27 academic year and that Scott Boback would assist him as needed** (April 11)

IX. Reports

- a. **Fall 2025 APSC Actions** (Jan. 19)
- b. **APSC Pending Items SP26** (Jan. 19)
- c. **26SP Roll Call Report** (March 30)

X. External Department Reviews

- a. **Discussion of the DATA, ECON, FMST and HIST self-studies** (Jan. 12)
- b. **Revision of the Questions for Departmental Self-Studies** (April 13, April 20, April 27)
- c. **Discussions of the reports submitted by the Data Analytics, Economics and History external reviewers** (April 27)

XI. Unfinished Business

- a. **Curriculum:**
 - **Film and Media Studies New Major Proposal**
 - **The Role of Certificates and consideration of the Leadership Foundations and Sustainability Certificate Proposals**
- b. **Departmental External Reviews**
 - **FMST reviewers' report**
 - **Revise general questions for all external reviewers**
 - **Revise questions asked to departments for inclusion in their self-studies**
- c. **Revision of the New Course Proposal Form**
- d. **Departmental Honors and Prizes**
- e. **New Academic Calendar**
- f. **Academic Unit Assessment**
- g. **Course Load FTEs & Team Teaching**
- h. **Approval of Credit/No Credit Courses – ASC or APSC? Feedback from Alex & Marcus to WR/QR subcommittee.**

- i. Understanding student athlete obligations**
- j. Winter campus closures messaging**
- k. Additional permanent cross-listings for WGSS**