

Academic Quality Committee (AQC) Meeting Minutes

Date: February 17, 2026

Location: Zoom

Present: Missy Travelsted (Nursing Graduate, Chair), Matt Shake (Psychology), Rob Hale (Provost Office), Blair Thomas (Political Science), Gihan Edirisinghe (Business), Nancy Hulan (Education), Brooke Gross (Library Services), Nadia Khan (Public Health), Jaden Marshall (SGA Representative), Miranda Peterson (Nursing Undergraduate)

Absent: Jennifer Hammonds (Registrar), Sarah Herbert (Music)

Guest: Kathryn Reetzke (History)

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Missy Travelsted at 2:00 PM.

2. Old Business

Resolution.Spring.868

- No discussion requested.
- Academic Sustainability Task Force: Committee is reviewing initial data received from the Provost's Office and has requested more detailed information.

IT.and.Writing.Preparedness

- Kathryn Reetzke (History Department) presented concerns regarding student AI usage in coursework.
- IT representative Jeppie Sumpter is investigating submitted questions and may attend the March meeting.
- Chrome browser confirmed to have no special institutional controls.
- Microsoft 365 Copilot can only be enabled or disabled fully; partial restriction is not possible.
- Writing Center representative Elisa Berry is researching questions and plans to attend the next meeting.

3. New Business

AI.Use.in.Academic.Work

- Faculty reported increased student use of AI tools (e.g., Grammarly, Copilot) in assignments, discussions, and exams.
- Concerns raised about academic integrity, verifying authorship, and erosion of writing and analytical skills.
- Some faculty have shifted to handwritten exams, oral assessments, and video submissions to mitigate AI misuse.

Technology.Limitations;

- IT has limited ability to fully restrict AI tools.
- Even when Copilot is disabled institutionally, students may still access external AI platforms.

Instructional.Implications;

- More in-class assessments and competency-based approaches may be necessary.
- Potential trade-offs include reduced lecture time, increased workload, and accommodation challenges.

Institutional.Initiatives;

- A Provost Standing Committee on AI has been formed with representatives from colleges, library, staff, students, and graduate students.
- Committee will be co-chaired by the CITL Director and the Associate Provost for Research and will address teaching and research implications of AI.

Policy.and.Guidance.Needs;

- Members noted lack of consistent institutional guidance on AI usage.
- Suggestion made to include AI expectations and education in student orientation.
- Discussion emphasized balancing academic freedom with clear institutional guidelines.

4. Next Steps

Jaden will share Sydney Redding's contact information with Brooke for follow-up.

Missy will:

- Send detailed Grammarly/Chrome concerns to IT.
- Collect committee questions for IT and Writing Center representatives.

- Forward questions to IT and Writing Center prior to next meeting.
- Confirm attendance of IT and Writing Center representatives for March 24 meeting.
- Update meeting schedule and notify members.

Rob will explore whether library faculty can provide AI workshops during Master Plan orientation.

All committee members will submit questions or examples of AI policies from other universities.

5. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:34pm. The next scheduled meeting is March 24, 2026. March Meeting Date: Original March 17 date falls during spring break. Committee agreed to move meeting to March 24.

Minutes submitted by: Miranda Peterson Academic Quality Committee Secretary