

Institutional and Program Assessment Council (IPAC) Meeting Minutes

April 15, 2026

2:00–4:00 p.m.

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Co-Chairs

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- **Call to Order: 2:00pm**
- **Attended:** Heather Barker, Alexandria Cordon, Jody Cormack, Colleen Dunagan, Michael Fender, Tiffanie Graves, Adam Kahn, Pei-Fang Hung, Neda Karami, **Vas** Narayanswami, Jennifer Nolasco, Xin Qin, Emily Schryer, Sharlene Sayegh, David Sheridan, Lei Sun, Sonia Wilmarth, HOUNG-WEI TSAI, Victor Wang, Kimberly Walters,
- **Not Attended,** Erlyana Erlyana, Karin Griffin, Kristi Hagans, Camryn Littleton, Kevin Avila, Laura Vlad.
- **Guest:** Program Director for American Studies (AMST): Brett Mizelle; Interim Dean for the College of Liberal Arts: Dr. Daniel O'Connor; Associate Professor, American Studies Dr. Justin Gomer; Assistant Professor, American Studies Dr. Preeti Sharma
- **Approval of Agenda: Motion to approve agenda by Emily second by David agenda approved.**
- **Approval of the Minutes from March 18: motion to approve March 18th minutes by alexandria second by Lei approved.**
- **Council Announcements**
 - Spring 2026 IPAC Meetings: 4/29 (Zoom), 5/6 (including organizational meeting)
 - Submit nominations/self-nominations for Steering Committee to Sharlene and Pei-Fang by May 3
- **New Business**
 - American Studies MOU (2:00 p.m. time certain)
 - Pei-Fang presented on American Studies program overview. Commendations, and opportunities and recommendations for this program review. No concerns were noted in this program review.
 - Departments comments: not as much to add to the program review challenge is that group of faculties is small and task are spread through the department to complete goals within the department. The chair said that this is a valuable program in its study and methods.
 - CLA Dean office thank you Bret and faculty included in working in the self-study. Appreciation for the program itself and that it is distinctive program. Item 6 in recommendations has already been addressed with a current job search for tenure track to program.
 - In MOU 2 corrections in information were made one, faculty assigned time and two the added recommendations.

- Michael asked do you have dual majors? Chair answered that yes there are 3-4 dual majors but said the potential growth of program comes from student taking the minor from a diverse spectrum of student majors.
- Heather asked about the student athlete experience. The program's curriculum provides flexibility for the students to complete the major.
- David asked when Brett became the chair and when the program became an independent program with in this review cycle. David further asked, is the impact in the fluctuation of the enrollment, chair answer no it was really the impact of Covid-19.
- Council discussed the American studies MOU changes noted. Then voted.
- Motion to approve American studies MOU by Michael second by Kimberley MOU approved

- **Upcoming MOU Presentations**

- April 29 (Zoom)
 - UCUA
 - English
 - Religious Studies
 - CHLS
- May 6 (in person)
 - GVAR
 - UHP
 - ASEC
 - Modern Jewish Studies

- **Council Adjournment: 2:34pm**

- **Sub-Committee Meetings**

- *Program Assessment Subcommittee*
 - Assessment scoring time
- *Institutional Assessment Subcommittee*
 - Assessment scoring time