

**Academic Council**  
**University of Notre Dame**  
November 8, 2021

Minutes

**Members in attendance:** Appleby, Scott; Bernhard, Bob; Brown, Seth; Carlson, Laura; Champion, Patricia; Clark, Patricia; Clements, Aedin; Cole, Marcus; Coleman, Jon; Cory, Therese; Cremers, Martijn; Culligan, Patricia; Cullinan, Shannon; Devaraj, Tara; Dowd, Robert, C.S.C.; Garnett, Rick; Groody, Daniel, C.S.C.; Jenkins, John, C.S.C.; Jensen, Lionel; Johnson, Daniel; Kolda, Christopher; Liberatore, John; Lucero, Cecilia; Mattison, William; Maziar, Christine; McGinn, Paul; Meserve, Margaret; Miranda, Marie Lynn; Morsby, Janeala; Mustillo, Sarah; Niebur, Glen; Niemier, Michael; Njomo, Allan; Page, Hugh; Polyzoides, Stefanos; Ramanan, Ramachandran; Ryan, Maura; Schnell, Santiago; Sims, Eric; Springs, Jason; Stinson, Sherman, Dane; Sierra; Stober, Thomas; Urbany, Joe; Visconsi, Elliott; Walsh, Molly; Williams, Richard; Younes, Samir

**Observers or guests in attendance:** Beatty, Ted; Bishop, Don; Collins, Kelley; Hurley, Chuck; Frabutt, Jim; Kelly, Dan; Lahey, Matt; Leady, Jim; Ma, Iris; Noble, Jonathan; Schoenig, Demetra; Schneider, Beth; Thompson, Lance; Willerton, Ryan

**Members excused or absent:** Clinton, Grace; Dames, K. Matthew; Fein, Jeremy; Forsgren, La Donna; Olinger, Gerry, C.S.C.; Pippenger, Michael; Ritchie, Bryan; Sheridan, Susan; Sisk, Matthew; Wong, Stephanie

Fr. Jenkins called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. Chris Maziar offered an opening prayer and Demetra Schoenig shared information about procedures for voting via a secure link.

Fr. Jenkins invited a motion to approve the August 23, 2021 Academic Council minutes. There being no corrections or discussion, a motion was made and seconded. Members then voted. The minutes were approved via the online voting form.

Fr. Jenkins invited a motion to approve the September 14, 2021 minutes of the Academic Council and the University Committee on Sponsored Programs and Research. There being no corrections or discussion, a motion was made and Fr. Jenkins invited Marie Lynn Miranda to provide information about the minor changes to the Academic Articles that had been discussed and approved by the Council's Executive Committee in October. After Marie Lynn shared information about the changes, she noted that they will be effective subsequent to approval by the University's Board of Trustees.

Fr. Jenkins asked Maura Ryan to introduce the next item on the agenda. Maura advised that the University's Real Estate initiative, known as FIRE, had submitted paperwork to the Council requesting a change in designation from "University Research Center" to "University Institute." Dan Kelly, the director of FIRE, spoke briefly and provided information about the faculty engagement and fundraising benchmarks FIRE has met as of this point, all of which meet the criteria for designation as a University Institute. Fr. Jenkins invited a motion to approve the designation. A motion was made and seconded. There being no questions or discussion, members voted. The change was approved via the online voting form.

Fr. Jenkins invited a motion to turn to the next item on the agenda, the approval of a new program. A motion was made and seconded. In subsequent discussion, the Council clarified that the salient agenda item was twofold: to consider the question of authorizing the Keough School of Global Affairs (KSGA) to offer a Bachelor of Arts degree and to consider the approval of a proposed undergraduate major in the KSGA. Fr. Jenkins asked Chris Kolda, in his role as chair of the Council's Undergraduate Affairs committee, to introduce the topic. Chris shared information about the meetings the proposers had with the Undergraduate Affairs committee and advised that a majority of the committee members voted to approve the proposal to proceed to the full council at a committee meeting on October 12. Chris asked Scott Appleby, Dean of the KSGA and the principal proposer, to make brief remarks.

Following Scott's remarks and a substantive discussion, Fr. Jenkins noted that a motion was on the table. A brief conversation ensued about the phrasing of the vote. The language on the voting form was adjusted to read "approve the creation of a Bachelor of Arts in Global Affairs which includes a primary major in Global Affairs." Members then voted. The motion was approved via the online voting form.

As the clock was nearing the end of the meeting's scheduled time, Tom Stober made a motion to delay the final item on the day's agenda to the subsequent council meeting. The motion was seconded and approved on a voice vote. Fr. Jenkins adjourned the meeting at 5 p.m. No committees met following the adjournment.