

BFA Academic Affairs Committee
Annual Report for AY 2025/26

April 29, 2026

This is the third and final year of my three-year term as chair for the BFA AAC. We met seven times as a full committee this year. Our primary agenda items were as follows:

- We provided feedback on an updated campus policy on **religious observances**.
- We provided a final batch of feedback on the proposed revisions to the campus policy on **program discontinuation**. We provided some initial feedback on this policy during AY 2023/24, and Katherine has also taken feedback from the Faculty Affairs Committee on this same topic.
- We continued to provide feedback on an important new policy on **campus curricular oversight**, most notably including the establishment of a Campus Curriculum Advisory Committee. This will include (via a subcommittee) oversight of the new common curriculum that campus is currently in the process of implementing.
- We provided feedback on a proposal from Kristi to reform the process by which **student incompletes** are given by faculty and administered by the Registrar.
- We provided feedback on a new campus policy on **minors and certificates** that would establish new guidance on the nature of these credentials and the distinctions between them.
- We provided feedback on revisions to the campus policy on **final and common exams**. The substantive changes primarily concern common exams, clarifying when they are appropriate and what happens when they create conflicts with students' schedules.
- At the request of director Max Boykoff, we provided feedback on the draft **strategic plan for the SPIKE Center**.

I expect that next fall the committee will have additional work to do on campus curriculum oversight, a new policy on syllabus statements (that we initially gave some feedback on in AY 2024/25), and of course many other fine things as yet unknown coming our way!

Regularly participating members this AY included Emily Harrington, Jennifer Bone, Nathalie Vriend, Ahmed Hamza, Jason Sanford, Joshua Nunziato, and Catherine Kunce. Thanks to everyone on the committee for their time this year. Additional thanks to Katherine Eggert, Erika Swain, and Kristi Wold-McCormick, who all contributed lots of their own time to our committee. Thanks, of course, to Alastair and Kelly (who was wonderful to work with in her first year with us!), and special thanks to Ahmed for (I hope!) taking over as chair next AY.

Garrett Zantow Bredeson, BFA AAC Chair

Appendix: Committee Meeting Dates & Agenda Items

10/24/25: introductions / religious observances policy

11/6/25: program discontinuance policy

11/21/25: program discontinuance policy / campus curriculum oversight policy

12/4/25: campus curriculum oversight policy

1/26/26: policy on incompletes

3/2/26: minors & certificates policy / policy on common & final exams

3/26/26: SPIKE Center strategic plan / minors & certificates policy / policy on common & final exams