

Meeting minutes—UGA School of Chemical, Materials, and Biomedical Engineering Curriculum Committee

Spring meeting #1: Thursday, Feb. 12, 2026 at 9:55AM

Zoom link: <https://zoom.us/j/6274306590>

Link to meeting materials ([OneDrive](#))

Committee members: Alison Banka (chair), Yang Liu, Jim Kastner

Attending: Eduardo Silva, Jeremy Wheatley, Kajal Patel

Agenda:

1. Welcome + introductions
2. Course change proposal—BIOE 4750

Currently, the BIOE 4750 (Biomedical Engineering Laboratory) course doesn't have an 'L' suffix denoting it as a laboratory course (even though it is a laboratory course). This causes issues when students search for lab courses in the bulletin. The course change proposal for BIOE 4750 proposed is to change the title to BIOE 4750 without changing any other part of the class.

This course change proposal was approved by committee.

Key takeaways/next steps: Send this course change proposal to the college curriculum committee.

3. MBB program—online information to update/align

The MBB program is now housed within CMBE, but online there are still areas where information hasn't been updated or is conflicting. Compiling areas to update would be helpful to pass on to Dr. Yantao Fan, MBB's coordinator.

Jeremy will look through the BCHE/MBB and BIOE/MBB Double Dawgs plans of study to ensure they are accurate.

The Double Dawgs sites lists Jim Kastner as the UG major contact and Yantao Fan as Grad major contact for BIOE and BCHE Double Dawgs, even though Jim is a Grad coordinator (though he hasn't gotten many questions from students on the UG side of things yet). What gets more difficult is that Jim is listed as a contact for BIO/MBB Double Dawgs (or other life sciences UG/MBB Grad Double Dawgs) where he doesn't know the UG program. It would be helpful to ensure Yantao is listed on the other major/MBB bulletin as the point of contact (not just Jim).

Another online item to clean up Jim noticed occurs when you do a search at UGA's main entrance to the website for 'MBB program'—there are two links that come up. One is to our college and one to the graduate school. The description for the graduate school is significantly different from our description (still implies that it's a business-specific program and with the original focus areas). It's leading to some problems/questions

where students are being admitted without enough math background and generally is an area where there is conflicting online information that can be confusing for future students.

Key takeaways/next steps: Jeremy will look through the BCHE/MBB and BIOE/MBB Double Dawgs plans of study to look for anything that needs to be updated. Alison will communicate our suggestions to Yantao for when he is back on Athens' campus. Alison will also make a note to update the bulletin (when it is open for edits) to ensure other MBB Double Dawgs programs have the correct contact information (and, if this isn't something she's able to do in the bulletin due to that UG being housed in a different school, will communicate with that school to make the updates).

4. Updated plans of study

We've made some curriculum changes over the past year (primarily, approving new engineering electives) and updated BCHE and BIOE four-year plans of study to post online would be beneficial for students, especially before registration.

Key takeaways/next steps: Jeremy will track change/comment on the previous four-year plans of study with updates and will send them to Alison to okay/update online.

5. Other business:

Because we are aiming to be in constant communication about ABET with all faculty, Eduardo recommends having a standing ABET update in our curriculum committee meetings moving forward to keep the ball rolling in terms of being proactive/anything we need to be talking about. ABET task force has already been established (some of the members are on the curriculum committee) and this would be a way to update the rest of committee.

Key takeaways/next steps: Add standing agenda item for ABET updates to meeting agendas moving forward.

6. Next meeting: Thursday, March 19, 2026 at 9:55AM