



GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 23rd, 2026

The Graduate Council met in person on Monday, March 23rd, 2026, at 2:00pm. in Room #583, Close-Hipp Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Bill Hauk, Chair; Drs. Beth Barnes, Rachel Bush, John Doering-White, Ashley Gess, Daniel Kilpatrick, Kevin Lu, Terrance McAdoo, Scott Parrott, Jill Stewart, Ari Streisfeld, Sanjib Sur, Sriram Venkataraman, Rachel Williams, Mike Wirth, Mark Yancey, and Arunav Das (GSA).

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Sourav Banerjee, Lorie Donelle, Andrew Graciano, Carolyn Harmon, David Mott, Kirk Randazzo (excused), and Nick Watanabe.

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Lara L. Anderson, Dr. Lingyu (Lucy) Yu, Dr. Aaron Marterer, Dr. Matt Klopfenstein, Dale Moore (excused), Kamirah Williams (excused), and Wanda Barr.

Provost Office Representatives: Trena Houpp and Dr. LaTrice Ratcliff-Small.

Guests: Harlan Smith (ISSS).

NOTE: These minutes will become final on April 27, 2026, if not challenged.

1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda (Bill Hauk, Chair)

The meeting was called to order at 2:02pm, and the Agenda was approved.

2. Approval of the Minutes from February 23, 2026. Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: <https://bit.ly/3SvPO0E>.

The minutes from February were unanimously approved.

3. Report of the Chair (Bill Hauk)

Bill Hauk

- Graduate Council membership updates. The Chair provided general updates regarding Graduate Council membership, including upcoming term expirations and continuity of service.

4. Report of the Interim Dean of the Graduate School (Lara Lomicka Anderson)

No report.

5. Report of the Interim Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education (Aaron Marterer)

Aaron Marterer

- DegreeWorks updates.

- Graduate School/Graduate Council website updates.
- Graduate School Application Fee updates.

6. Report of the Graduate Student Association (Arunav Das)

Arunav Das

- GSA Updates:
 - o Spring Town Hall (April 9, 3.00 PM – 5.00 PM).

7. Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Bill Hauk for Kirk Randazzo)

No report.

8. Report of the 500/600 Level Courses (Trena Houp)

This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

500/600 Courses for March 2026 Grad Council

(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal). Total: 9

EDSE 547 (3) Teaching Middle & High School (English) (CCP: Fall 2027)
EXSC 690 (3) Research Methods & Design for the Exercise Sciences (NCP: Summer 2026)
JOUR 521 (3) Digital Advertising Certifications (CCP: Fall 2027)
JOUR 597 (3) Capstone Internship in Mass Communications (CCP: Fall 2027)
JOUR 599 (3) Advanced Special Topics (CCP: Summer 2026; add online)
LING 532 (3) English Etymology (NCP: Summer 2026)
MATH 546 (3) Algebraic Structures I (CCP: Fall 2027)
PEDU 514 (1) Advanced Adapted Physical Education Practicum (NCP: Summer 2026)
SOCY 590 (3) Sociology in Practice Internship Seminar (NCP: Spring 2026)

9. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations Total: 11 (Lingyu Yu)

Name: **Fariba Fateh, PhD**

Program: Department of Electrical Engineering

Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Raoni dos Santos, PhD**

Program: School of Medicine - Columbia

Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Samantha Tippen, PhD**

Program: School of Medicine - Columbia

Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Carolyn Queenan, PhD**

Program: Darla Moore School of Business

Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Giuliano Marodin, PhD**

Program: Darla Moore School of Business

Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Sung Hee "Sunny" Park, PhD**
Program: Darla Moore School of Business
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Leslie Hendrix, PhD**
Program: Darla Moore School of Business
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Maureen Petkewich, PhD**
Program: Darla Moore School of Business
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Wenxin Xu, PhD**
Program: Darla Moore School of Business
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Alireza Farnoush, PhD**
Program: Darla Moore School of Business
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

Name: **Kealy Carter, PhD**
Program: Darla Moore School of Business
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

These nominations were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

10. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Daniel Kilpatrick)

Daniel Kilpatrick

- Presidential Fellows updates were provided.

11. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee (Beth Barnes)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Total: 21

- **HPEB 723** (3) Stigma and Public Health (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **ISCI 708** (3) Advanced Reference Across the Disciplines (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **ISCI 713** (3) Crisis Management and Communication in Libraries (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **ISCI 714** (3) Trauma Informed Librarianship (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **ISCI 723** (3) Special Libraries (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **ISCI 736** (3) Project Management for Library Collections (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **ISCI 739** (3) Teaching for Academic Libraries (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **ISCI 769** (3) Copyright in the Digital Environment: Issues for Information Professionals and Institutions (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **ISCI 784** (3) Health Informatics for Information Professionals (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **SOWK 701** (3) Professional Development Bridge (CCP: Summer 2026; add online)
- **SOWK 708** (3) Trauma-Informed Practice with Adults and Older Adults (CCP: Summer 2026; add online)
- **SOWK 752** (3) Social Work Intervention in Substance Abuse (CCP: Summer 2026; add online)
- **SOWK 762** (3) Loss, Grief, and Social Work Intervention CCP: Summer 2026; add online)
- **Applied Statistics, M.A.S.** (Inactivation: Fall 2026)

- **Applied Statistics, Certificate** (Inactivation: Fall 2026)
- **Mechanical Engineering, Ph.D.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Aerospace Engineering, M.E.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Aerospace Engineering, M.S.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Drug and Addiction Studies, Certificate** (Program Change: Summer 2026; add online)
- **Trauma-Informed Practice, Certificate** (Program Change: Summer 2026; add online)
- **Social and Behavioral Health with Military Members, Veterans, and Military Families, Certificate** (Program Change: Summer 2026; add online)

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

12. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Sriram Venkataraman)

Sriram Venkataraman

- Grade Change Appeal Case review. The case was reviewed in closed session. Upon return to open session, the committee recommendation was unanimously approved.

13. Other Committee Reports

None.

14. Old Business

None.

15. New Business

A brief discussion was held regarding transcript evaluation requirements for international students.

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Reminder Dates:

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| March 27: | First Generation Symposium 2026, 9:00am – 1:15pm, University Conference Center (8 th floor, Close-Hipp) |
| March 31: | Southern Regional Education Board Doctoral Scholars Program (SREB) application deadline. Doctoral Scholars Program . |
| April 16: | Graduate Students Awards Day Ceremony, 12pm, University Conference Center (8 th floor, Eastview Room, Close-Hipp) |
| April 24: | Discover USC, Friday, April 24 th , Columbia Metropolitan Convention Center, 9:30am – 2:30pm. |
| April 27: | Next Graduate Council meeting on Monday, April 27th at 2:00pm, Close-Hipp, Room #583. |
| May 7: | Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, Koger Center for the Arts, 10am. |
| May 11-22: | Dissertation Writing Academy In person. |
| June 8-26: | Dissertation Writing Academy Online. |

17. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38p.m.

Lara L. Anderson, Interim Dean

CC: Michael Amiridis, President
Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Provost
Lara L. Anderson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School
Deans
Department Chairs
Graduate Directors
Aaron Marterer, Interim Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education
Elaine Belesky, Office of the Registrar
Malia Kiehl, Office of the Registrar
Ed Short, Office of the Registrar

Graduate Council Curriculum Committee Proposals in Queue

As of 3/18/2026

Proposals detailed below are currently in the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee queue and up for review and approval this academic term. If you have any questions regarding the information shared or a particular proposal, please reach out to Trena Houp at thoup@sc.edu.

Courses

Course Title	Course Description
ITEC 749: Principles of Informatics	Integration of information technology across the business spectrum. Underlying technological developments and important business drivers of performance. Digital technology's role in relation to three major components of business performance improvement: people, processes and technology.
ITEC 760: Cyberinfrastructure and Information Assurance	Information Technology (IT) elements of the cyberinfrastructure; information assurance and security in the modern cyberinfrastructure; design and secure advanced systems that use, process, transmit, and store of information.
ITEC 766: IT Project Management	Application of project management tools to document key components of the implementation of a real-world information technology projects.
ITEC 772: Database Systems	Fundamentals, design, implementation and management of database systems that form the foundation for information systems and data analytics.
ITEC 785: Enterprise Data Analytics	Mathematical and software tools and quantitative reasoning to the analysis of enterprise data. Fundamental concepts and essential skills in data analytics. Critical and creative thinking about quantitative and qualitative problems involving enterprise data.
ITEC 786: Advanced Enterprise Data Analytics	Advanced concepts, issues, and trends in data analytics. Critical thinking and quantitative and qualitative analytical skills essential for Healthcare, Engineering, and Business among many others.

NURS 725: Education: Curriculum and Evaluation	The course introduces principles of curriculum development, design, implementation, and evaluation. Evaluation measures explore internal and external components that reflect contemporary health care trends and educational expectations and prepare graduates to function effectively in the various roles of the nurse educator.
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Programs

Title	Status
TBA: Business Administration/Executive Healthcare Leadership, P.M.B.A./D.N.P	Added
undefined: Business Administration/Clinical Expert, P.M.B.A./D.N.P	Added
3GED339AMS: Adapted Physical Education, M.S.	Edited
undefined: School Library Studies, Certificate	Added



Date: March 30, 2026

To: Grad Directors, Grad Council, AAGDC
From: Dr. Lara Lomicka Anderson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School *Lara Lomicka Anderson*
Re: Graduate School Admissions Application Fee

The Graduate School application fee will be reinstated in CollegeNet ApplyWeb effective August 1, 2026.

Applicants will be charged a \$50 fee for a first-time primary application and a \$15 fee for program transfer and concurrent enrollment applications. This change is now reflected on the Graduate School website and will apply to all applications submitted on or after August 1. Applicants who have already initiated an ApplyWeb application prior to this date will be notified of the fee reinstatement and the effective date.

Departments and colleges may issue single-use application fee waiver codes to prospective students prior to application submission. Additional information and instructions for purchasing fee waivers will be distributed in forthcoming communication from the Graduate School.

For colleges and programs that utilize discipline-specific admissions applications, the Graduate School will contact those units directly to coordinate the collection of application fees.

Please direct any questions or concerns regarding this change to graddean@mailbox.sc.edu

cc:

Dr. Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost
Dr. Jennifer Ng, Vice Provost for Faculty Affairs and Dean of the Faculty
Dr. Aaron Marterer, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education, the Graduate School
Dr. Lingyu Yu, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Engagement, the Graduate School