



GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

May 11, 2026

The Graduate Council met on Microsoft Teams on Monday, May 11th, 2026, at 2:00pm.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Bill Hauk, Chair; Drs. Beth Barnes, Rachel Bush, Ashley Gess, Daniel Kilpatrick, Terrance McAdoo, David Mott, Scott Parrott, Kirk Randazzo, Jill Stewart, Sriram Venkataraman, Rachel Williams, Mike Wirth, Mark Yancey, and Mukhtar Alabi (GSA).

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Sourav Banerjee, John Doering-White, Lorie Donelle, Andrew Graciano, Carolyn Harmon, Kevin Lu, Ari Streisfeld, Sanjib Sur, and Nick Watanabe.

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

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

Guests: Dr. Minuette Floyd (Visual Art and Design), Dr. Christi Metcalf (Criminology and Criminal Justice), Dr. John Gerdes (IIT), Dr. Hong Wang (Mathematics), Harlan Smith (ISSS), and Leila Lopez (Psychology).

NOTE: These minutes will become final on August 24, 2026, if not challenged.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Kirk Randazzo, Vice Chair for Bill Hauk, Chair)
The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm.
2. **Approval of the Minutes from April 27, 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 April were unanimously approved.
3. **Report of the Chair** (Kirk Randazzo for Bill Hauk)
No report.
4. **Report of the Interim Dean of the Graduate School** (Lara Lomicka Anderson)
No report.
5. **Report of the Graduate Student Association** (Mukhtar Alabi)
No report.
6. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Kirk Randazzo)
No report.

7. 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 May 2026 Grad Council

(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal). Total: 2

HTMT 521 (3) Revenue Management in the Hospitality Industry (CCP: Summer 2026; add online)

SOCY/WGST 516 (3) Gender, Sexuality and Health in Society (NCP: Summer 2026)

8. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations Total: 1 (Lingyu Yu)

Name: **Kesheng Wang, Ph.D.**

Program: College of Nursing

Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2031

This nomination was unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

9. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Daniel Kilpatrick)

No report.

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

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Total: 31

- **Adapted Physical Education, M.S.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Hospitality Management, Ph.D.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **International Hospitality and Tourism Management, M.I.H.T.M.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Library and Information Science, Ph.D.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Health Systems Law, M.S.L.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Earth and Environmental Science, M.S.** (New Program: Fall 2027)
- **Earth and Environmental Science, Ph.D.** (New Program: Fall 2027)
- **School Library Studies, Post-master's Certificate** (New Program: Fall 2027)
- **Business Administration, P.M.B.A./Executive Healthcare Leadership, D.N.P.** (New Combination Program: Fall 2026)
- **Business Administration, P.M.B.A./Clinical Expert, D.N.P.** (New Combination Program: Fall 2026)
- **COMD 813** (3) Applications of Quantitative Methods for COMD research (NCP: Fall 2026)
- **EDET 725** (3) Emerging Technologies for Education (NCP: Fall 2026)
- **EDLP 714** (3) Evidence Based Improvement in P12 (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **EDLP 733** (3) Systems of Education Law and Policy (NCP: Fall 2026)
- **EDTE 842** (3) Discourse Analysis for Educational Research (NCP: Fall 2026)
- **GEOL/ENVR 899** (1-12) Dissertation Preparation (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **HTMT 780** (1-3) Seminar in Travel and Tourism (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **HTMT 895** (1) Ph.D. Graduate Seminar in Hospitality Management (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **HTMT 899** (1-15) Dissertation (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **ISCI 733** (3) E-Resources Management (CCP: Fall 2026; for correction)
- **ITEC 742** (3) Enterprise Network Management (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **ITEC 749** (3) Principles of Informatics (CCP: Fall 2027)

- **ITEC 760** (3) Cyberinfrastructure and Information Assurance (CCP: Summer 2026: add online)
- **ITEC 761** (3) Management of Cyberinfrastructure (CCP: Fall 2026: add online)
- **ITEC 766** (3) IT Project Management (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **ITEC 772** (3) Database Systems (CCP: Summer 2026: add online)
- **ITEC 785** (3) Enterprise Data Analytics (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **ITEC 786** (3) Advanced Enterprise Data Analytics (CCP: Summer 2026: add online)
- **ITEC 787**(3) Advanced Data Analytics Tools (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **MUSC 701** (0) Experiential Learning in Music (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **NURS 725** (3) Education: Curriculum and Evaluation (CCP: Fall 2027)

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

11. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Sriram Venkataraman)
No report.

12. Other Committee Reports
None.

13. Old Business

- Update: New international student regulations release – Harlan Smith

14. New Business

- Election of new chair for Graduate Council for 2026-2027 – Lara Anderson for Bill Hauk
Dr. Kirk Randazzo has been nominated and elected as the new chair for Graduate Council for 2026-2027.

15. Good of the Order

Reminder Dates:

May 11-22: Dissertation Writing Academy In person.

June 8-26: Dissertation Writing Academy Online.

August 24: Next Graduate Council meeting on Monday, August 24th at 2:00pm, Close-Hipp Building, Room #583.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:27p.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
None as of 5/8/2026