

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 9, 2025

Meadowlark Room

In Attendance: Alex Binder, Robin Blair, Susan Bon, Paige Boydston, Jamie Brooksher, Jason Clemensen, Julie Dainty, Derrel Fincher, Tim Flood, Carissa Gober, Jennifer Harris, Jon Jones, Kay Kim, Krissy Lewis, Greg Murray, Jody Neef, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Tristan Ragland, Brian Sims, Kristi Stuck, Kyle Thompson

New Members Present: Jonathan Dresner

Absent: Shelby Hutchens, Trent Lindbloom, Lori Martin, Alicia Mason, Matthew Montague, David O'Bryan

Nominations and Voting of New Officers for the 2025-2026 Graduate Council.

Dr. Lewis nominated Dr. Binder for Graduate Council Chair. Dr. Flood moved to approve by acclamation, Mr. Murray seconded, and the motion carried.

Dr. Lewis nominated Dr. Gober for Graduate Council Vice Chair. Dr. Binder moved to approve by acclamation.

The following volunteered and were approved by acclamation to serve on the Graduate Council Executive Committee:

College of Arts and Sciences: Jody Neef
College of Business: Alex Binder, Krissy Lewis
College of Education: Carissa Gober
College of Technology: Derrel Fincher

The minutes of the March 2025 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Mr. Murray moved for approval, Dr. Flood seconded, and the motion carried.

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty Recommendations:

Neal Schmidt Biology

There was discussion on whether the Unclassified Handbook was being updated to reflect that other degrees are considered the terminal degree for Biology, since currently only a Ph.D. is listed. It was confirmed that the changes to the terminal degree requirements for Biology had been approved but were not updated in the current handbook.

Dr. Flood moved for approval, Dr. Fincher seconded, and the motion carried.

Matt Tarpey History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences

Dr. Fincher moved for approval, Dr. Neef seconded, and the motion carried.

There were no Graduate Service Recommendations.

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Business

Kelce Graduate School of Business

Request for New Course

ACCTG 816 Governmental and Nonprofit Accounting

Request for New Course

ACCTG 817 Advanced Auditing

Request for New Course

ACCTG 818 Income Tax Transactions

Curriculum Revisions

Master of Professional Accountancy

Currently only accelerated program students are admitted, admission would now be open to qualified graduates from other universities.

Credit hours required, changing from 33 hours to 30 hours.

Dr. Binder shared that the MPAcc program was a 4+1 program that was open only to PSU undergraduate students. The program will now be open to other students online.

Dr. Flood moved to approve the Kelce Graduate School of Business curricular items, Dr. Fincher seconded, and the motion carried.

Crossland College of Technology

School of Technology and Workforce Learning

Request for Revision of Course

GRT 713 Computer Programming Languages-Changes to course title and description.

Request for New Course

GRT 730 Artificial Intelligence Foundations

Request for New Course

GRT 731 Artificial Intelligence Ethics, Governance, and Policy

Request for New Course
GRT 830 Artificial Intelligence Capstone Project

Request for New Course
GRT 851 Global Social Impact of Artificial Intelligence

Curriculum Revisions
MS Technology
Remove ETECH 899 as an option from Statistical Measures area
Change catalog heading from Statistical Measures to Statistics
Change catalog heading from Global Issues to Global
Technology Issues
Add GRT 804 to Leadership area
Move HRD 804 to alternate course in Leadership area
Remove HRD 706 as an alternate course in Leadership area

Request for New Emphasis
MS Technology (Artificial Intelligence)

Dr. Fincher provided an overview of the requested changes. He shared that the AI emphasis is being created based on feedback from their advisory board and to increase enrollment.

Mr. Murray moved to approve the School of Technology and Workforce Learning curricular items, Dr. Sims seconded, and the motion carried.

College of Education

Teaching and Leadership

Request for New Course
READ 800 Foundations of the Science of Reading: Understanding and
Applying Structured Literacy Principles-Course 1

Request for New Course
READ 801 Foundation of the Science of Reading: Understanding and
Applying Structured Literacy Principle-Course 2

Dr. Clemensen shared that these courses are for Blueprint for Literacy students who will be taking the courses as non-degree seeking students but could later be transferred into a master's degree.

Request for Revision of Course
TCHL 851 Multicultural Approaches to Diversity-Changes to course title
and course description

Request for Revision of Course

TCHL 852 Advanced Culture/Second Language Acquisition for English Languages Learners-Changes to course title and course description.

Request for Revision of Course

TCHL 853 Advanced Assessment and English Language Learners-Change to Course description

Request for Revision of Course

TCHL 855 Advanced Practicum with English Language Learners-Changes to pre-requisites and the course description.

Dr. Fincher moved to approve the Teaching and Leadership curricular items, Dr. Lewis seconded, and the motion carried.

College of Arts and Sciences

English and Modern Languages

Notification- Pre-requisites for ENGL 755 Topics in Literature and ENGL 771 Major Authors

Notification item-no vote required.

New Business

Update on Slate from Admission: Karl Stumo, David Hogard and Janelle Williams

Dr. Stumo provided an update on Slate, a new CRM that the University will be using for admission applications, campus visits, requests for information, etc. Dr. Stumo also provided an update on enrollment.

Old Business

HLC Criteria for Teaching Graduate Courses-Update from committee

Dr. Binder provided a draft of a new "Request for Graduate Status" form. He plans to provide a completed form along with revised by-laws at the May meeting for a vote from the council.

For the good of the order

Dr. Sims expressed concern about our online tuition rate in comparison to our competitors. He provided the council with a draft of a "Resolution to maintain current

graduate tuition rates for 2025-2026". He asked if the council had an interest in submitting this proclamation to the tuition committee.

Dr Gober moved to forward the proclamation to the tuition committee, Dr. Blair seconded and the motion carried.

Dr. Clemensen moved to adjourn, Dr. Neef seconded, and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, May 7, 2025, in the Meadowlark Room