

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
March 12, 2025
Meadowlark Room

In Attendance: Alex Binder, Robin Blair, 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, Herman Nonnenmacher, Brian Sims, Kristi Stuck, Kyle Thompson

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

The minutes of the February 26, 2025 meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty recommendations:

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| Donna Zerr | Teaching and Leadership |
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Dr. Fincher moved for approval, Dr. Flood seconded and the motion carried.

The following were submitted for Graduate Service recommendations:

New:

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| Daniel Gruman | Teaching and Leadership 25/SP TCHL 824 Educational Statistics I |
| Bev Graham | Psychology and Counseling 25/SP PSYCH 853 Applications of Behavior Analysis 25/SU PSYCH 850 Ethical Professional Conduct in Behavior Analysis |
| Eric Copeland | Psychology and Counseling 25/SP PSYCH 808 Child Personality Assessment |
| Kristen Livingston | Communication 25/SP COMM 891 Applied Research |
| Tiffany Dirks | Health, Human Performance and Recreation |

25/SP
HHPR 722 School Health Problems

Renewals:

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| Stephen Gilbreth | Teaching and Leadership 25/SP LDSP 894 Applied Research |
| Sandra Cobos | Psychology and Counseling 25/SP PSYCH 881 Orientation to College Teaching |
| Melinda DeGruson | Psychology and Counseling 25/SU PSYCH 848 Career Development |

There was discussion that the documentation for the request for Melinda DeGruson, shows that she has the background experience to teach the class, but there was a question on if that experience is the equivalent to the terminal degree.

Dr. Fincher moved to approve all of the new and renewal Graduate Service Faculty requests as a group, Dr. Gober seconded and the motion carried.

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Arts & Sciences

History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences

Request for revisions to MA History Program-Number of hours required and portfolio requirement for Option III.

Dr. Thompson shared that the requests are to reduce Option II and Option III to only require 30 hours. They are also adding a portfolio requirement to Option III, that will require students to show that they have learned an accumulation of the degree which is required by KBOR.

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

College of Business

Kelce Graduate School of Business

Request for New Course
DSIS 730 Data Analytics: Business Intelligence

Request for New Course
DSIS 750 Artificial Intelligence

Request for New Course
DSIS 850 Data Mining

Request for New Emphasis
Master of Business Administration with and emphasis in Data Science &
Information Systems (DSIS)

Dr. Binder shared that these requests are to create courses and add a new emphasis to the traditional MBA program and that this emphasis has already been created for the online MBA.

Dr. Flood moved to approve all the requests from the Kelce Graduate School of Business as a group, Dr. Dainty seconded and the motion carried.

College of Education

Psychology and Counseling

Request for Revision of Course
PSYCH 881 Orientation to College Teaching
Change to Credit Hours

Dr. Blair shared that the request is to change this course from a 3-hour course to a 1-3 hour course because they have found sometimes 3 hours is more that is needed.

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

Old Business

HLC Criteria for Teaching Graduate Courses-Update from committee

Dr. Binder shared that the committee is working on a new form and they hope to have something to bring to the council by the next academic year.

There was no new business

For the good of the order

Dr. Brooksher encouraged the council to review the Freedom of Expression Policy that was recently sent to all employees and to attend an open forum that will be held on March 27th. Suggested changes/updates to the policy will be presented to the President's Cabinet in April.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 9, 2025 in the Meadowlark Room