

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

March 11, 2026
Meadowlark Room

In Attendance:

Alex Binder, Robin Blair, Paige Boydston, Jamie Brooksher, Mark Diacopoulos, Derrel Fincher, Tim Flood, Carissa Gober, Tatiana Goris, Scott Gorman, Jennifer Harris, Jon Jones, Kay Kim, Krissy Lewis, Lori Martin, Jody Neef, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Tristan Ragland, Kristi Stuck, Kyle Thompson

Absent:

Susan Bon, Trent Lindbloom, Matthew Montague, Greg Murray, Brian Sims, Katherine Tackett, Ken Ward

Guest:

Khamis Siam

The minutes of the February 11, 2026, meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

There were no Graduate Faculty Recommendations.

There were no Graduate Service Recommendations.

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Arts and Sciences

Chemistry

Notification: CHEM 745 Instrumental Analysis-remove CHEM 593 Physical Chemistry I prerequisite

Mathematics and Physics

Request for New Course: MAT 735 Laboratory Safety and Compliance

Request for New Course: MAT 800 Seminar

Request for New Course: CHEM 835 Fibers

Request for New Course: MAT 850 Advanced Materials Characterization

Request for New Course: MAT 860 Chemistry and Physics of Materials

Request for Revision of Course: MAT 891 Internship in Materials Science
Changes to title, credits, grading system, and course description

Request for Curriculum Changes: MS Materials Science

Courses to be added to candidacy: MAT 850, MAT 860, MAT 800, MAT 735

Courses to be removed from candidacy: MAT 861, MAT 885, MAT 895, MGT 828

Request for New Emphasis: MS Materials Science (Chemistry)

Request for New Emphasis: MS Materials Science (Polymer Chemistry)

Request for New Emphasis: MS Materials Science (Physics)

Dr. Blair moved to approve all the Mathematics and Physics curricular matters as a group, Dr. Fincher seconded and the motion carried.

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

School of Nursing

Request for Revision of Course: NURS 920 DNP Scholarly Project

Changes to grading system

Dr. Harris shared that the request is to add a grade option of NC (no credit). Instead of assigning incomplete grades for NURS 920, they would like to assign a grade of no credit and have the student re-enroll in the course.

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

DNP Scholarly Project Guide and Manual Revisions

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

English and Modern Languages

Notification-MA English program to be offered in-person and synchronously online

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

For the good of the order

Dr. Brooksher asked if there were any KBOR or legislative updates, Dr. Diacopoulos provided a brief update.

Dr. Binder asked for feedback on the presentation that EAB provided earlier in the day.

Dr. Binder shared that he is on the tuition committee and encouraged the council to share any thoughts they have regarding tuition with him or their College Dean.

Dr. Flood moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, April 8, 2026, in the Meadowlark Room.