

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
May 6, 2026
Grubbs 102

In Attendance:

Alex Binder, Robin Blair, Susan Bon, Paige Boydston, Jamie Brooksher, Derrel Fincher, Tim Flood, Carissa Gober, Tatiana Goris, Scott Gorman, Jennifer Harris, Jon Jones, Jody Neef, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Kristi Stuck, Katherine Tackett, Kyle Thompson, Ken Ward

Absent:

Kay Kim, Krissy Lewis, Trent Lindbloom, Lori Martin, Matthew Montague, Greg Murray, Tristan Ragland, Brian Sims

New Business:

Approval of the 2026 Spring Graduates

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

Dr. Thompson moved to adjourn the Graduate Faculty meeting, Dr. Boydston seconded and the motion carried.

The minutes of the April 8, 2026, meeting were approved with no corrections

Dr. Gorman moved for approval, Dr. Blair 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

School of Nursing

Notification: NURS 911-Remove NURS 895 prerequisite

English and Modern Languages

MA English (Professional Writing): Delete Professional Writing Emphasis

MA English: Request for Accelerated Program

Dr. Thompson moved to approve the English and Modern Languages items as a group, Dr. Fincher seconded and the motion carried.

Chemistry

Request for Deletion of Program: MS Chemistry, including Accelerated Program

Request for Deletion of Program: MS Polymer Chemistry

Mathematics and Physics

Request for Deletion of Program: MS Physics, including Accelerated Program

Dr. Flood moved to approve the Chemistry and Mathematics and Physics items as a group, Dr. Thompson seconded and the motion carried.

College of Education

Psychology and Counseling

Request for Revision of Course

PSYCH 892 Special Research Project-Credit hours and Course Description

Request for Curriculum Changes: MS Psychology (Behavior Analysis)

Changing from 42 hours to 54 hours required. Three 12-hour elective areas added, one area required to be completed.

Core Courses- PSYCH 834 Intro to Human Neuropsychology is being removed and replaced with PSYCH 849 Verbal Behavior.

Dr. Blair shared that these changes would give students an option for different tracks and expand time for students to complete their thesis.

There was discussion on the tracks and Dr. Boydston clarified that one area of the electives would be required.

Dr. Thompson moved to approve the Psychology and Counseling items as a group, Dr. Fincher seconded and the motion carried.

Teaching and Leadership

Request for New Course: FCS 840 Advanced Applications (_)

Request for New Course: FCS 845 Special Problems (_)

Request for New Course: TCHL 800 TASN Autism and Tertiary Behavior Supports Pathways

Dr. Flood moved to approve the Teaching and Leadership requests for new courses as a group, Dr. Fincher seconded and the motion carried.

Notification: MA Teaching (all emphases)-Admission Requirements

Remove: Professional Disposition Assessment requirement

Crossland College of Technology

School of Technology and Workforce Learning

MS Technology: Request for Accelerated Program

Request to Inactivate Course: GRT 713 AI Assisted Programming

Request to Inactivate Course: GRT 730 Artificial Intelligence Foundations

Request to Inactivate Course: GRT 731 Artificial Intelligence Ethics, Governance, and Policy.

Request for Course Revision: GRT 804 Leadership Management for Technologists
Changes to: Title and Course Description

Request for Course Revision: GRT 894 Research Application in Technology
Changes to: Pre-Requisite

Request for New Course: GRT 813 Applied Programming and Automation with AI

Request for New Course: GRT 828 Artificial Intelligence Foundations

Request for New Course: GRT 829 Artificial Intelligence Ethics, Governance, and Policy

Request for New Course: GRT 892 Action Research Methods in Technology

Request for Deletion of Emphasis: MS Technology (Human Resources)

Request for Deletion of Emphasis: MS Technology (STEM College Teaching)

Request for Curriculum Changes: MS Technology (all emphases)
Changes to the core course requirements. Add: GRT 892, ETECH 805, ETECH 809, GRT 830 or GRT 894 or GRT 896, and final presentation Requirement.
Delete: HRD 891, TTED 891, TTED 887, HRD 804, GRT 895

Request for Curriculum Changes: MS Technology (Artificial Intelligence)
Changes to emphasis courses, add: GRT 828, GRT 829
Changes to emphasis courses, remove: GRT 730, GRT 731
Add electives: DSIS 730, DSIS 811, DSIS 812, DSIS 813, DSIS 850

Request for Curriculum Changes: MS Technology (Information Technology)
Changes to emphasis courses, add: GRT 714, GRT 813, 3 hours of DSIS or GRT advisor approved course.
Add electives: DSIS 715, DSIS 730, DSIS 750, DSIS 801, DSIS 811, DSIS 812, DSIS 813, DSIS 850, ETECH 807, GRT 828, GRT 829
Remove electives: CIS 740, GRT 713, DSIS 690

Request for New Certificate: Technology and Quality Leadership

Request for New Certificate: Emerging Technology Applications

Dr. Fincher provided an overview of the School of Technology and Workforce Learning requested changes.

Dr. Fincher moved to approve the School of Technology and Workforce Learning items as a group, Dr. Neef seconded and the motion carried.

School of Automotive and Engineering Technology

Request for Curriculum Changes: Master of Engineering Technology
Add GRT 850, allowing the option to select GRT 850 or ETECH 805

Dr. Fincher shared that these two courses would be interchangeable based on enrollment.

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

Old Business:

Lisa Allen noted that the Chair of Chemistry confirmed that Jody Neef will be the Chemistry/Physics Graduate Council representative for 2026-2027. Therefore, Dr. Neef can serve as the Vice Chair for the 2026-2027 academic year.

New Business Continued:

IELTS Policy Revision for Policy Library

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

Dr. Fincher moved to adjourn the meeting, Dr. Blair seconded and the motion carried.

The June and July 2026 meetings will be held via email.

The next in-person meeting will be Wednesday, September 9, 2026.