

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
February 11, 2026
Meadowlark Room

In Attendance:

Alex Binder, Robin Blair, Paige Boydston, Jamie Brooksher, Derrel Fincher, Tim Flood, Carissa Gober, Tatiana Goris, Scott Gorman, Jennifer Harris, Kay Kim, Krissy Lewis, Jody Neef, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Tristan Ragland, Katherine Tackett, Kyle Thompson, Ken Ward

Absent:

Susan Bon, Jon Jones, Trent Lindbloom, Lori Matin, Matthew Montague, Greg Murray, Brian Sims, Kristi Stuck

The minutes of the December 3, 2025, meeting were approved with no corrections.

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty Recommendations:

Heather Carter	Teaching and Leadership Discipline/Sub-field: Educational Leadership, Human Environmental Sciences, Child Development
Tracy Rampy	Teaching and Leadership Discipline/Sub-field: Educational Leadership, Educational Technology
Christel Benson	Technology and Workforce Learning Discipline/Sub-field: Workforce Development

Dr. Flood asked if Christel Benson's degree meets the terminal degree requirements. Dr. Fincher shared that she teaches graphics and has a terminal degree in that area.

Dr. Fincher moved to approve the Graduate Faculty recommendations as a group, Dr. Blair seconded and the motion carried.

The following were submitted for Graduate Service Recommendations:

Chandler Davidson	Kelce Graduate School of Business 26/SP Discipline/Sub-field: Marketing
Amanda Hahn	Kelce Graduate School of Business 26/SU Discipline/Sub-field: Organizational Behavioral Development
Mary Judene Nance	Kelce Graduate School of Business

	26/SP Discipline/Sub-field: Marketing
Dwight Strong	Kelce Graduate School of Business 26/SP Discipline/Sub-field: Data Science & Information Systems
David Weaver	Kelce Graduate School of Business 26/SP Discipline/Sub-field: Finance
Jason Wesco	Kelce Graduate School of Business 26/SP Discipline/Sub-field: Healthcare Administration
Kristen Livingston	Communication 26/SP Discipline/Sub-field: Communication
Catherine Lorino	History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences 26/SP Discipline/Sub-field: Social Work
Emily George	Teaching and Leadership 26/SP Discipline/Sub-field: Curriculum and Instruction

Dr. Neef moved to approve the Graduate Service recommendations as a group, Dr. Fincher seconded and the motion carried.

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Education

Teaching and Leadership

Request for Revision of Curriculum: MA Teaching (Elementary Education K-6)

Remove: PSYCH 810 Advanced Educational Psychology and TCHL 825 The Professional Semester Teacher-Initial Experience

Add: TCHL 868 Elementary Science/Social Studies Methods

Hours: Total hours required changing from 33 hours to 30 hours

Emphasis Name Change: Change from Elementary Education K-6 to Elementary Education

Request for Revision of Curriculum: MA Teaching (Secondary)

Remove: PSYCH 810 Advanced Educational Psychology and TCHL 851 Perspectives on Language & Culture for Teachers of English Language Learners

Hours: Total hours required changing from 36 hours to 30 hours

There was discussion on the documentation of Teaching and Leadership consulting with Psychology and Counseling regarding removing PSYCH 810 for the MA Teaching program.

Dr. Thompson moved to approve the Teaching and Leadership curricular items, Dr. Neef seconded and the motion carried.

Health, Human Performance and Recreation

Request for Revision of Curriculum: MS Health, Human Performance and Recreation (Human Performance and Wellness)

Add: HHPR 763 Scientific Principles of Strength & Conditioning

Remove: HHPR 760 Technology & Instrumentation in Human Performance

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

College of Arts and Sciences

School of Nursing

Request for new Certificate

Forensic Nurse Leadership

Request for new Certificate

Organizational Leadership

Request for new Emphasis

DNP Advanced Practice Nursing (BSN to DNP) (Forensic Nurse Leadership)

Request for new Emphasis

DNP Advanced Practice Nursing (BSN to DNP) (Organizational Leadership)

Request for Revision: DNP Advanced Practice Nursing (BSN to DNP) (MSN to DNP) (Nursing Education)

Hours: Number of hours for the emphasis changing from 9 to 10 hours

Request for Revision: Nurse Educator Certificate

Add: NURS 715 leadership for Nurse Educators

Remove: NURS 713 Leadership for Advanced Practice Nursing

Dr. Harris shared that the courses for the certificates and emphases are already being taught and that offering the certificates and emphases would expand access.

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

There was no old business.

There was no new business.

For the good of the order

Dr. Bon could not attend the meeting; Dr. Binder shared the following update that she provided:

- Reminder of the faculty withdrawal of students for courses policy.
- Clarification on Risepoint funding and efforts.
- Planning an all Graduate Faculty meeting in May.
- Monitoring the state legislative budget, tenure issues, House and Senate Committee bills.
- KBOR policies- Workload, Tenure, and Post-tenure review.

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

The next meeting will be Wednesday, March 11, 2026, in the Meadowlark Room