

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
September 10, 2025
Meadowlark Room

In Attendance: Alex Binder, Robin Blair, Paige Boydston, Jamie Brooksher, Julie Dainty, Derrel Fincher, Tim Flood, Carissa Gober, Scott Gorman, Jennifer Harris, Jon Jones, Kay Kim, Krissy Lewis, Alicia Mason, Greg Murray, Jody Neef, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Kristi Stuck, Katherine Tackett, Kyle Thompson

Absent: Tatiana Goris, Trent Lindbloom, Lori Matin, Matthew Montague, Tristan Ragland, Brian Sims

Mark Diacopoulos filled in for Susan Bon

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

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty Recommendations:

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| Jeffrey Gately | Kelce Graduate School of Business Discipline/Sub-field: Economics |
| Angelina (Chelle) Boyd | Psychology and Counseling Discipline/Sub-field: School Psychology |
| Sandra Cobos | Psychology and Counseling Discipline/Sub-field: School Psychology |

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Service Recommendations:

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| Inna Molitoris Beland | Kelce Graduate School of Business 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: International Business |
| Mary Kay Wachter | Kelce Graduate School of Business 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Marketing |
| Melissa Weed | Kelce Graduate School of Business 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Management & Entrepreneurship-Operations Planning |
| Madison Estrada | Psychology and Counseling 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Counseling Psychology |

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| Tracy Barnes | Teaching and Leadership 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Leadership Education |
| Joan Brillant | Teaching and Leadership 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Curriculum & Instruction Elementary Education |
| Michael David Camp | Teaching and Leadership 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Education Administration |
| Tiffany Layton | Teaching and Leadership 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Learning & Organizational Change |
| David Wolff | Teaching and Leadership 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Educational Leadership |
| Sacia Kelsey | History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences 25/WF Discipline/Sub-field: Social Work |

Dr. Flood mentioned that the equivalent experience listed for Mary Kay Wachter primarily consisted of courses that she has taught, which is not equivalent experience. Dr. Binder shared that he did contact Chelsey Decker who completed the forms for the College of Business regarding the changes to the new form. The council is encouraged to make those who complete the forms for their department aware of the Progress toward Terminal Degree & Equivalent Experience Guidance document for assistance with completing the new form.

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

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Education

Teaching and Leadership

School Library Certificate

Notification: Admission Requirements-Master's degree in an education-related field.

MA Teaching (Special Education Secondary)

Notification: Admission Requirements -Remove the following requirement: 1 year served as paraeducator or long-term substitute teacher.

MA Teaching (Special Education K-6)

Notification: Admission Requirements -Remove the following requirement: 1 year served as paraeducator or long-term substitute teacher.

Dr. Flood moved to approve the Teaching and Leadership curricular matters as a group, Dr. Fincher seconded, and the motion carried.

Psychology and Counseling

All master's and Ed.S. Psychology and Counseling Programs

Notification: Admission Requirements- Require WES analysis of all transcripts for international applicants.

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

College of Business

Kelce Graduate School of Business

Master of Professional Accountancy

Curriculum Revision: Fully online, session based (7-week sessions), specific courses designated for fully online modality

Dr. Binder shared that this request is to offer the MPAcc program in the same format as the online MBA, fully online in 7-week sessions. The program will still also be available as an accelerated program. He shared that they had received lots of requests for the online option and that it was within their resources.

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

Old Business: None

New Business

Approval of Lisa Allen as Graduate Council Secretary for 2025-2026

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

Proposed changes to Bylaws

Dr. Binder shared that the proposed changes to the Bylaws include allowing those in Administration roles to hold Graduate Faculty status. This would allow College Deans to teach and serve on thesis committees. The other change was to change the Registrar as being listed as an ex officio member to the "Registrar or the Registrar's designee" as an ex officio member.

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

Mr. Murray moved to adjourn, Dr. Thompson seconded, and the motion carried.

The next meeting will be Wednesday, October 8, 2025, in the Meadowlark Room.

