

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
May 7, 2025
Meadowlark Room

In Attendance: Alex Binder, Robin Blair, Susan Bon, Paige Boydston, Jamie Brooksher, Jason Clemensen, Julie Dainty, Tim Flood, Carissa Gober, Jennifer Harris, Jon Jones, Kay Kim, Krissy Lewis, Trent Lindbloom, Lori Martin, Alicia Mason, Jody Neef, Hermann Nonnenmacher, Brian Sims, Kristi Stuck, Kyle Thompson

Absent: Derrel Fincher, Shelby Hutchens, Matthew Montague, Greg Murray, David O'Bryan, Tristan Ragland

New Business:

Approval of 2025 Spring Graduates

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

Dr. Nonnenmacher moved to adjourn the Graduate Faculty meeting, Dr. Blair seconded, and the motion carried.

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

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

The following were submitted for Graduate Faculty Recommendations:

Don Colegrove School of Construction

There was discussion on whether Don Colegrove has the terminal degree required or not based on how the form was completed. Dr. Thompson shared that he does have a terminal degree but not the terminal degree required for the School of Construction, but he does meet the requirement of rank of Associate Professor and has industry experience.

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

Jason Cravens Psychology and Counseling

Katherine Tackett Teaching and Leadership

Dr. Gober moved to approve the requests for Jason Cravens and Katherine Tackett, Dr. Stuck seconded, and the motion carried.

The following were submitted for Graduate Service Recommendations:

New:

Angelina "Chelle" Boyd	Psychology and Counseling 25/WF PSYCH 781 Psychology of Exceptional Children PSYCH 834 Introduction to Human Neuropsychology
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Renewals:

Kimberly Byler	School of Nursing 25/WF NURS 808 Translation to Doctoral Leadership and Theory
Kristen Livingston	Communication 25/SU COMM 740 Topics in Communication COMM 775 Case Studies in Strategic Communication 26/SP COMM 765 Strategic Planning and Communication Campaigns COMM 785 International Communication
Grace Steiner	Music 25/WF MUSIC 750 Applied Music: Voice MUSIC 850 Applied Music: Voice
Kent Wire	Teaching and Leadership 25/SU TCHL 741 Seminar: School Accreditation in KS

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

The following curricular matters were submitted:

College of Arts and Sciences

History, Philosophy, and Social Sciences

Notification- Prerequisites for SWK 701, SWK 702, SWK 703, SWK 721

Dr. Thompson shared that Social Work previously had a partnership with KU and now we have our own program, so these changes are to remove the language that pertained to the KU partnership.

This is a notification item, no vote is required.

College of Education

Teaching and Leadership

Deletion of MS Curriculum and Instruction (Environmental Education)

Dr. Clemensen shared that this program has not had any enrollment in years so the Teaching and Leadership department, in consultation with the Biology department, decided to delete the program.

Request for New Emphasis

Ed.S. Advanced Studies in Leadership (Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages)

Dr. Clemensen shared that this would be a new emphasis under the current Ed.S. and that no new courses would need to be created. He also shared that since we haven't offered this program, students have been going to other universities, so having this emphasis should attract new students.

Dr. Dainty moved to approve the Teaching and Leadership requests as a group, Dr. Blair seconded, and the motion carried.

Old Business

HLC Criteria for Teaching Graduate Courses:

Request for Graduate Status Form
Changes to By-laws

Dr. Binder shared that these changes would remove the tested experience requirements that we currently follow, these requirements would be replaced with equivalent experience requirements based on what HLC requires.

Dr. Bon shared that the changes to the by-laws were made to update wording.

There was discussion on adding a link to the terminal degree requirements that are listed in the Unclassified Handbook and inserting a box where the applicant's degree could be included on the proposed form.

Dr. Flood moved to amend the proposed Request for Graduate Status form to include the link to the terminal degree requirements and a box to indicate the applicant's degree on the form, Dr. Sims seconded, and the motion carried.

Dr. Flood moved to approve the proposed Request for Graduate Status form as amended, Dr. Gober seconded, and the motion carried.

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

The June and July meetings will be held via email