

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday August 19, 2025

Members/Alternates Present:

Brown, Dace, Chair – Public Health Sciences
Browne, Aidan - Engineering Tech & Construction Management
Christou, Eliana - Mathematics and Statistics
Cox, Kyle – Educational Leadership
Ivey, S.L. - GPSG Student Representative
Libby, Garrison – Atkins Library
Lipford, Heather - Software and Information Systems
Montanaro, Erika – Psychological Science
Murray, Beth – Theatre
Murtha, Timothy – Anthropology
Reeve, Chuck - Psychological Science
Tolone, Bill – Dean of the Graduate School
Walter, Michael - Chemistry

Also Attending:

Coffey, Lauren - Graduate School
Cottenoir, Mitch – Office of Assessment and Accreditation
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Academic Affairs, Faculty Governance Assistant

Absent:

Bin Abdul Baten, Redwan - Health Management & Policy
Gall, David – Art & Art History
Johar, Monica – Bus Information Sys and Operations Management
Xu, Terry – Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science

I. Report of the Chair – Dace Brown

a. Overview of Graduate Council's Duties

Chair Brown welcomed the members, alternates and guests to the first Graduate Council meeting of the 2025-2026 academic year. Each of the members, alternates and guests introduced themselves, and Chair Brown outlined the agenda for the meeting.

Chair Brown told the committee about the various documents that can be found on the Faculty Governance website, including:

Graduate Council Member Duties

Graduate Faculty Bylaws

Standing Rules of the Faculty Council

Checklist for Reviewing Graduate Proposals in Curriculog

2025-2026 Graduate Council Meeting Schedule

2025-2026 Graduate Council Member Contact Information

2024-2025 Graduate Council Annual Report

She also reminded the council members to notify the Chair, the secretary, and their alternate if they can't attend a meeting. She also told the council members that if they are looking at a proposal and they feel they can't have an objective point of view to let her know so it can be assigned to someone else.

b. Select a Vice Chair of the Graduate Council

Dr. Lipford volunteered to serve as vice-chair and the motion passed with a unanimous vote.

c. Consent Calendar

Chair Brown and Dean Tolone proposed using a consent calendar for Curriculog proposals, which will streamline the approval process by allowing the council to vote on proposals as a block, rather than one at a time. Council members can pull a proposal off the consent calendar if they feel a more in-depth discussion is required.

Dr. Browne made a motion to approve the consent calendar, and Dr. Lipford seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

II. Report of the Dean - William Tolone

Dean Tolone reported that graduate student enrollment is expected to be around 5,900 students, which is great for this climate despite the enrollment challenges with international enrollment.

Dean Tolone also outlined topics he would like the council to focus on this year, including funding, artificial intelligence, how each program is distinct, online programs, microcredentials, and credit for prior learning.

III. Discussion Topics

Matt Wyse demonstrated how to use Curriculog for the new council members.

IV. Other Business

There was no other business.

The meeting adjourned at 2:07 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for September 2, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Daniel Jones".

Daniel Jones