

# Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

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**Tuesday March 3, 2026**

**Members/Alternates Present:**

Brown, Dace, Chair – Public Health Sciences  
Auten, Beth - Atkins Library  
Bin Abdul Baten, Redwan - Health Management & Policy  
Gall, David – Art & Art History  
Ivey, S.L. - GPSG Student Representative  
Johar, Monica – Bus Information Sys and Operations Management  
Libby, Garrison – Atkins Library  
Lipford, Heather, Vice Chair - Software and Information Systems  
Montanaro, Erika – Psychological Science  
Murtha, Timothy – Anthropology  
Tolone, Bill – Dean of the Graduate School  
Walter, Michael - Chemistry  
Xu, Terry – Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science

**Also Attending:**

Coffey, Lauren - Graduate School  
Cottenoir, Mitch – Office of Assessment and Accreditation  
Fox, Robert - School of Data Science  
Frisch, Mira – Music  
Hadzikadic, Mirsad – School of Data Science  
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School  
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School  
Wyse, Matt - Academic Affairs, Faculty Governance Assistant

**Absent:**

Christou, Eliana - Mathematics and Statistics  
Cox, Kyle – Educational Leadership

**I. Report of the Chair – Dace Brown**

**A. Approval of the January 13, 2026, minutes**

Lipford motioned to approve the February 3, 2026, meeting minutes and Gall seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

**B. Course Numbering and Status Policy**

Mira Frisch attended the meeting on behalf of the Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee (FAPSC). The committee asked for clarification regarding a course numbering proposal edited and approved by the Graduate Council at a previous meeting. Previously, 4000 level classes could only be cross listed with 5000 level classes. The edited policy may allow 4000 level classes to be cross listed with courses at the 6000 level and higher. In addition, Hall-Hertel pointed out the edits were originally

meant to prevent cross-listing between 5000 and 8000 level classes. Chair Brown recommended the Graduate Council take back the policy revisions and come to a consensus on the language. The policy will be edited again and voted on virtually prior to the next meeting.

## II. Course and Curriculum Proposals

### A. AI for Data Science Practitioners, Graduate Certificate

Mirsad Hadzikadic attended the meeting and explained that this program will provide an opportunity to offer more AI related programming at the master's level. This proposal is on the consent calendar and will be approved with the other proposals on the calendar.

### B. EDCI – 8138 - Comparative Language Study

### C. EDCI – 8187 - Indigenous People and Education

Murtha pointed out that there are some units that may find this proposal problematic, as pointed out in his comments on the proposal. He recommended that the originator consult with other units on the proposal or perhaps change the name of the course. Murtha motioned to send the proposal back to the originator with the comments. Lipford seconded the motion and it was passed unanimously.

### D. EDCI – 8188 - High Achieving Urban Schools and Students

### E. ITIS – 5164 - AI-Assisted Software Engineering

Based on the comments in the proposal, Lipford stated that there is no need to revise the program since this course would be an elective. There is a typo that needs to be fixed. Murtha motioned to approve the proposal pending the correction, and Walter seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

### F. ITIS – 6252 - Security and Privacy as Economics

Chair Brown made a correction to the grading scale. Xu made a motion to approve the proposal, and Murtha seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### G. ITIS – 6336 - Software Engineering for AI-Enabled Systems

Chair Brown made some corrections to the proposal. Montanaro motioned to approve the proposal and Walter seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

### H. ITIS – 8252 - Security and Privacy as Economics

### I. ITIS – 8336 - Software Engineering for AI-Enabled Systems

Chair Brown made minor corrections to the proposal. Xu motioned to approve the proposal and Montanaro seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### J. ITSC – 5113 - Mathematical Foundations for Computing

Chair Brown made minor corrections to the proposal. Lipford motioned to approve the proposal and Bin Abdul Baten seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously.

### III. Report of the Dean – William Tolone

Dean Tolone reminded everyone that Graduate Education Week is approaching, including the Graduate Research Symposium on April 6. GPSG still needs judges for the symposium.

### IV. Discussion Topics

#### a. Dean's Annual Review

The Graduate Council's annual review of the Dean is approaching. Chair Brown asked for two volunteers to serve on the review committee. On April 1, Dean Tolone will submit his self-review to the Graduate Council. The final review is due to Faculty Council on May 1.

### V. Other Business

Chair Brown announced that she will be teaching out of the country during the fall semester. Vice Chair Lipford has agreed to fill in as interim chair during this time. Murtha motioned to approve Lipford as interim chair. Gall seconded the motion, and the motion passed unanimously.

Johar motioned to adjourn the meeting, and Gall seconded the motion, which was passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 1:49 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for April 7, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Jones