

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday April 7, 2026

Members/Alternates Present:

Brown, Dace, Chair – Public Health Sciences
Cox, Kyle – Educational Leadership
Gall, David – Art & Art History
Johar, Monica – Bus Information Sys and Operations Management
Libby, Garrison – Atkins Library
Lipford, Heather, Vice Chair - Software and Information Systems
Tolone, Bill – Dean of the Graduate School

Also Attending:

Coffey, Lauren - Graduate School
Cottenoir, Mitch – Office of Assessment and Accreditation
Depken, Craig – Economics
Ferdinando, Peter - History
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Heggestad, Eric - Associate Provost for Faculty Affairs
Peterson, Nicole – Anthropology
Zenk, Leslie - Associate Provost and Chief of Staff

Absent:

Bin Abdul Baten, Redwan - Health Management & Policy
Christou, Eliana - Mathematics and Statistics
Ivey, S.L. - GPSG Student Representative
Montanaro, Erika – Psychological Science
Murtha, Timothy – Anthropology
Xu, Terry – Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science

I. Report of the Chair – Dace Brown

Chair Brown informed the council that since there was not a quorum, no votes would be held during the meeting. The votes will be held virtually later in the week.

II. Course and Curriculum Proposals

- A. AI Applications in Business, Graduate Certificate
- B. AI in Finance, Graduate Certificate
- C. ANTH - 5620 - Language, Culture, and Thought
- D. ANTH - 5625 - Anthropological approaches to AI
- E. ANTH - 5630 - Spatial Analysis and Anthropology
- F. ARCH - 7013 - Research Topic: Critical Heritage
- G. ESCI - 5230 - Satellite Observations of Earth and the Atmosphere
- H. Economics, M.S. (Charlotte), and Finance, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree

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- J. Economics, M.S. (Charlotte), and Money and Banking, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- K. Economics, M.S. (Charlotte), and Technology, Innovation & Intellectual Property Management, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- L. Financial Engineering, Graduate Certificate
- M. GEOG - 6103 - Real Estate Development
- N. HIST - 5003 - Problems in Transnational History
- O. HIST - 6340 - Oral History
- P. HLTH - 5201 - Community Engagement
- Q. HLTH - 6210 - Public Health Measurement and Assessment
- R. HLTH - 6214 - Constructing Public Health Narratives
- S. HLTH - 6216 - Systemic Leadership
- T. Management, M.S. (Charlotte), and Finance, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- U. Management, M.S. (Charlotte), and International Business, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- V. Management, M.S. (Charlotte), and Money and Banking, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- W. Management, M.S. (Charlotte), and Technology, Innovation & Intellectual Property Management, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- X. Mathematical Finance, M.S. (Charlotte), and Finance, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- Y. Mathematical Finance, M.S. (Charlotte), and International Business, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- Z. Mathematical Finance, M.S. (Charlotte), and Money and Banking, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- AA. Mathematical Finance, M.S. (Charlotte), and Technology, Innovation & Intellectual Property Management, M.S. (NCCU, Taiwan), Dual Degree
- BB. Nursing: Nurse Anesthesia Across the Lifespan, Post-Master's Certificate
- CC. Real Estate, M.S. (Charlotte), and Real Estate, M.Sc. (Regensburg), Dual Degree

Additional Proposals: ECON 5182 and Public Health Program Revision

Craig Depken from Economics was on hand to address questions about the College of Business proposals. Depken made changes to the proposal for ECON 5182 based on the Curriculog comments. Xu had emailed a question to Secretary Jones regarding the inconsistency in transfer hours between the proposed programs. The number of transfer hours is different because the collaborations are with different universities. The subject librarian approved the proposals but did not complete the librarian section. Libby said he would speak to the librarian.

A Curriculog comment for HIST 5003 mentioned that there was not a clear distinction between HIST 4003 and HIST 5003. Peter Ferdinando from History was in attendance and said he would take this concern to the proposal originator.

A Curriculog comment for GEOG 6103 noted 2 minor errors in section D. Secretary Jones volunteered to email the proposal originator to get the errors fixed.

Chair Brown said that once the proposals are corrected a virtual vote will be conducted to move the proposals forward.

III. Report of the Dean – William Tolone

Dean Tolone did not have an update.

IV. Discussion Topics

a. Faculty Appointments

Leslie Zenk and Eric Heggstad addressed the Council regarding changes for graduate faculty. Full-time faculty members shall be eligible to participate in elections and governing bodies during their time employed unless specified that only tenured faculty members can participate. This will allow non-tenured full-time faculty to participate in areas previously permitted only to tenured faculty members. The college deans, associate deans, and other university leaders have already been notified of the change. The change does necessitate that the language of the graduate faculty bylaws must be changed prior to elections at the end of April. Hall-Hertel volunteered to make changes to the bylaws and present them to the council for a virtual vote by the end of April.

V. Other Business

a. Committee for the Dean's Annual Review

Chair Brown informed the council that she has received Dean Tolone's self-evaluation and Murtha has volunteered for the committee. She still needs two more volunteers.

b. Common Ground Collaborative

Chair Brown informed the council of an email she received from Leslie Zenk outlining a new collaborative from the UNC system. The Common Ground Collaborative aims to strengthen students' oral communication skills. Faculty were invited to submit proposals for new classes that meet the collaborative's guidelines. Eleven classes were submitted, 9 undergraduate and 2 graduate. The council will receive the 2 graduate proposals and will have until April 24 to approve them via a virtual vote.

The meeting adjourned at 1:27 PM.

The next meeting is scheduled for May 5, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,



Daniel Jones