

Minutes of the Graduate Council

Date of Meeting: November 19, 2025

The November 19, 2025, meeting of the Graduate Council was called to order at 1:04 p.m. via Zoom by Dr. Ann Wheeler, Chair of the Graduate Council.

Members in Attendance: Amanda Arnold, AnaLouise Keating, Ann Wheeler, Brigitte Vittrup, Catalina Pislariu, Chanam Shin, Daniel Newmire, Dayna Averitt, Della Molloy-Daugherty, Derek Crews, Faheemah Hannah, Helen Everts, He Ren, Hope McCarroll, Hyuk-Jin Lee, Jaesin Sa, Jennifer Martin, Kanchan Budhathoki, Kimberly Mory, Lamar Muro (Lilia), Mark Tengesdal, Mikyoung Lee, Pat Driscoll, Rachelle Campbell, Sharon Wang-Price, Xiaofen Du, Zhen Li.

Substitutes: Lin Moore for Jennifer Quong, Dimple Vadgama for Nerissa Gillum, and Noralyn Pickens for Paula Clutter

MINUTES APPROVED

- The minutes of the October 15, 2025, meeting were approved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT BY DR. CAROLYN KAPINUS, DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- No Report.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORT BY DR. RUTH JOHNSON, ASSOCIATE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL

- Working on program configuration for the TargetX application for 2027; Reminder to submit your changes.

SUMMARY REPORTS FROM STANDING COMMITTEES

Executive Committee – Chair: Dr. Ann Wheeler

- No report.

Executive Committee – Vice Chair: Dr. Dayna Averitt

- No report.

Research Committee – Dr. Catalina Pislariu

- **Outstanding Dissertation Award:** The committee has been working on completing all of the requirements and forms which we hope to have ready for discussion at our next Graduate Council meeting.

Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Sharon Wang-Price

- No Report.

Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Zhen Li

- The committee will be discussing 13 proposals today.

Membership Committee – Chair Nominee: Dr. Helen Everts

- No Report.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Membership Committee – Dr. Helen Everts

- Recommendations for Graduate Faculty Status (listed on page 3)
- **Voted on and approved**

2. Academic Programs Committee – Dr. Zhen Li

All Proposals were voted on and approved

- **New Request**–Graduate Certificate in Applied AI in Data Science
- **New Request**–Master of Library Science with Certificate in Academic Librarianship
- **New Request**–Master of Library Science with Certificate in Children and Young Adult Literature
- **New Request**–Master of Library Science with Certificate in Health Sciences Librarianship
- **New Request**–Master of Science in Exercise and Sports Nutrition - Graduate Program in Nutrition and Dietetics
- **Request to Amend**–Master of Science in Nutrition
- **New Request**–Master of Science in Nutrition-Graduate Program in Nutrition and Dietetics
- **New Request**–Post-Master’s Certificate in Academic Librarianship
- **New Request**–Post-Master’s Certificate in Children’s and Young Adult Literature
- **Request to Amend**–Post-Master’s Certificate in Community Information
- **Request to Amend**–Post-Master’s Certificate in Health Sciences Librarianship
- **Request to Amend**–Master of Science in Exercise and Sports Nutrition
- **Request to Amend**–Master of Science in Human Development and Family Studies

OLD BUSINESS

1. Academic Standards Committee – Dr. Sharon Wang-Price

- Revisions to the Graduate Certificate policy – **Voted on and approved**
- Revisions to the Graduate Faculty Status policy – **Discussion only**

ADJOURNMENT

- 2:10 p.m. - The next Graduate Council meeting will be held on **Wednesday, January 21, 2026**. There will be no meeting in December due to the holidays.

Membership Committee –

- Faculty Recommendations: 11 - Full / 06 - Full with Dissertation Chair Endorsement
Voted on and approved

Name	Component	Recommendation
Brinzo, Julie	Nursing	Full
Horn, Dewaynna	Business	Full
Bell, Ronda	Nursing	Full
St. Germain-Sehr, Amanda	Music	Full
Immanuel, Jincy	Nursing	Full w/ dissertation chair endorsement
Myers, Aimee	School of Education	Full w/ dissertation chair endorsement
Minchael, Shashi	Business	Full
Pislariu, Catalina	Biology	Full w/ dissertation chair endorsement
Rosen, Lisa	SWPP	Full w/ dissertation chair endorsement
Madu, Ednah	Nursing	Full
Na, Elisa	Psychology/SPP	Full w/ dissertation chair endorsement
Kim, Mijin	Psychology and Philosophy	Full w/ dissertation chair endorsement
Thapa, Sajani	Business	Full
Lelek, Noah	Theater	Full
Nasr, Andrew	PT	Full
Ward, Richard	PT	Full
Henricksen, Janis	PT	Full