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Guests

Alicia Arbour (Registrar) Neil Baumgartner (Advising), Nicole Boelk (Financial Aid), Kristin Landis-Piwowar (AA), Tricia Westergaard (Registrar)

Graduate Council Representative to Research Committee

Valance Washington (CAS)

Staff (Graduate School)

Linda Hutcheson, Mark Tomaszewski

Meetings

15 hybrid meetings (ZOOM and in-person) were scheduled and held with sufficient members present to form a quorum. One meeting was scheduled but cancelled.

New Graduate Certificate

Supply Chain Analytics, GC
*K-12 Dance Education, GC

New Graduate Degree

Applied Early Childhood Practice and Policy, EdD
Music, MM
* Business Administration-STEM, MBA

New Combined Degree

B.I.S./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate
B.I.S./Criminal Justice Leadership, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate
B.I.S./Health Care Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate
B.I.S./Local Government Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate
B.I.S./MPA, Graduate Degree, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Degree
B.I.S./Nonprofit Organization and Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate
Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate
Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Criminal Justice Leadership, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate
Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Health Care Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate
Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Local Government Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate
Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Nonprofit Organization and Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate
*Journalism and Media Studies, Specialization in Media and Society, B.A./Communication, M.A., Combined B.A./M.A.

New Dual Degree

Master of Business Administration/Master of Science in Safety Management Dual Program

Graduate Program Modification

Biomedical Sciences: Medical Physics, PhD, including name change to Biomedical Physics, PhD
Computer Science and Informatics, PhD
Energy Engineering, MS
Finance, MS
Human Movement Science, PhD
Leadership, EdS (includes name change to Education Leadership, EdS)
Mechanical Engineering, PhD
Secondary Education with Special Education, MAT, including name change to Special Education K-12, MAT
*Physics, MS

Combined Degree Program Modification

Mechanical Engineering, Combined B.S.E./M.S.

Combined Degree Program Change to Modality

Accounting, Combined B.S./MAcc

End of a Graduate Degree

Clinical Nurse Leader, MSN
Music Education, PhD

The following were discontinued and redesigned into Music, MM with concentrations in each of these discontinued degrees

Conducting, MM
Instrumental Performance, MM
Music Education, MM
Piano Pedagogy, MM
Piano Performance, MM
Vocal Pedagogy, MM
Vocal Performance, MM
World Percussion, MM

Graduate School Policy Revision

Graduate Certificates
Graduate Course Approval for Areas without Graduate Degree, including name change to
Graduate Coursework Not Part of a Graduate Degree
Graduate Transfer Credit
Reducing minimum number of PhD program credits
*Graduate Admission Documents - Baccalaureate degree
*Previous graduate degree or certificate credit, including name change to Previous graduate degree
*Time limit for completing degree & Revalidating Oakland University overage courses
*Transfer credit

Program Review

*Communication
*Linguistics
*Nurse Anesthesia
*Nursing
*Psychology
*Reading and Language Arts

Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award 2026

*Kristine Thompson (tenure-track)
*Jacqueline Scully (non-tenure-track)

Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award 2026

*Red Douglas

*Charles Shamoun

Other Non-Governance

Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award - agreed to inclusion of interviews to selection process as needed

OU Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award - agreed to allowing alumni to make nominations

Program Review - reviewed processes and developed evaluation form

2025-2026 Statistics

- 58 items were reviewed by Graduate Council
- 100% required approval
- 39 proposals reviewed: CAS 25, SBA 5, SEHS 3, SECS 4, SHS 2(1 of 2 is Dual with SBA), SON 1, OUWB 0

Compared to 2024-2025 Annual Report

- 50 non-policy items, compared to 63 (24-25)
- 8 policy items, compared to 7 (24-25)
- 58 items total, compared to 70 (24-25)

Note: Items marked with an * were either not intended for submission to the Senate or were not submitted to the Senate by the end of the 2025-2026 academic year.