

Present:

Brandy Randall, (*Chair*), Anne Hranchook (Co-Chair), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Henry Aigbedo, Darrin Hanna, John Krauss, Helen Levenson, Joanne Lipson-Freed, Daniel Llamocca Obregon, Thandi Sulé, Paul Weinberg,

Guests: Nicole Boelk, Kristin Landis-Piwowar, Tricia Westergaard

Absent: Neil Baumgartner (Guest), Victoria Lucia, Meir Shillor, Mark Tomaszewski (Guest)

Staff: Linda Hutcheson (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Due to Glenn McIntosh's passing, the DEI Council leadership has transitioned to Omar Brown-El and Tomoko Wakabayashi.
- Professional Development offerings are up and rolling thanks to Thandi Sulé.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Weinberg introduced a motion to approve the minutes for the October 20, 2025, meeting. John Krauss seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Supply Chain Analytics, GC, new graduate certificate: second reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Reviewers: Victoria Lucia, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Vijayan Sugumaran, Paul Trumbull

Graduate Council members agreed that Plan of Study should be edited to accurately reflect the intended instructional modality for POM 5420 Supply Chain Management. The modality on the current proposal shows that the course is primarily online and requires face to face meeting, preventing approval of the program as fully online.

Paul Weinberg moved to approve the proposal amended as described. Anne Hranchook seconded. The motion was approved unanimously

NEW BUSINESS

1. Graduate Course Instruction by Programs Not Authorized to Offer a Graduate Degree, Graduate School Policy Revision: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Presenter(s): Brandy Randall

Brandy Randall will edit to replace 'Graduate School' with 'Graduate Council'.

Paul Weinberg moved to waive the second reading and to vote to approve the proposal amended as described. Anne Hranchook seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

2. Approved Graduate Certificates, Graduate School Policy Revision: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Presenter(s): Brandy Randall

Brandy Randall will revise further to reflect Council discussion.

3. Reducing minimum number of PhD program credits: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Presenter(s): Brandy Randall

Brandy Randall will revise further to reflect Council discussion.

Items 4 – 9 discussed as a group.

Presenters agreed to amend the B.I.S./MPA, Graduate Degree, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Degree, new combined degree proposal to reduce from 13 to 12 the maximum number of graduate credits to replace undergraduate courses.

Joanne Lipson-Freed moved to waive the second reading and to approve item 4, amended as discussed, and items 5 - 9. Paul Weinberg seconded. The motion was approved unanimously.

4. B.I.S./MPA, Graduate Degree, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Degree, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.

Reviewers: Joanne Lipson-Freed, Paul Weinberg

Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Jen Cordon-Thor, Beth Dawson

5. B.I.S./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.

Reviewers: Joanne Lipson-Freed, Paul Weinberg

Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Jen Cordon-Thor, Beth Dawson

6. B.I.S./Criminal Justice Leadership, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.

Reviewers: Joanne Lipson-Freed, Paul Weinberg

Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Jen Cordon-Thor, Beth Dawson

7. B.I.S./Health Care Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.
Reviewers: Joanne Lipson-Freed, Paul Weinberg
Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Jen Cordon-Thor, Beth Dawson
8. B.I.S./Local Government Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.
Reviewers: Joanne Lipson-Freed, Paul Weinberg
Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Jen Cordon-Thor, Beth Dawson
9. B.I.S./Nonprofit Organization and Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.I.S./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.
Reviewers: Joanne Lipson-Freed, Paul Weinberg
Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Jen Cordon-Thor, Beth Dawson

Items 10 – 14 discussed as a group.

Brandy Randall will discuss with Kristin Landis-Piowar and then provide presenters details of the request for revision.

10. Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Court Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.
Reviewers: John Krauss, Thandi Sulé
Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Adolfo Campoy-Cubillo, Beth Dawson
11. Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Criminal Justice Leadership, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.
Reviewers: John Krauss, Thandi Sulé
Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Adolfo Campoy-Cubillo, Beth Dawson
12. Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Health Care Administration, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.
Reviewers: John Krauss, Thandi Sulé
Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Adolfo Campoy-Cubillo, Beth Dawson
13. Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Local Government Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.
Reviewers: John Krauss, Thandi Sulé
Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Adolfo Campoy-Cubillo, Beth Dawson

14. Spanish Language and Literature, B.A./Nonprofit Organization and Management, Graduate Certificate, Combined B.A./Graduate Certificate, new combined degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting. Pending receipt of reviews.

Reviewers: John Krauss, Thandi Sulé

Presenter(s): Douglas Carr, Adolfo Campoy-Cubillo, Beth Dawson

DISCUSSION ITEMS

(Council Meeting Ran Over Time and the Following Items Will be Deferred to a Future Meeting).

1. Dissertation Format Requirements, Graduate School policy revision: Subcommittee report
2. Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award: to discuss possible revisions to selection process
3. Program Review: Rubric, Subcommittee report
4. 2026 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award: select Subcommittee to narrow list of nominees

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 4:02pm.