

Present: Brandy Randall, (*Chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Henry Aigbedo, Kevin Grimm, Darrin Hanna, Anne Hranchook, John Krauss(*Co-Chair*), Helen Levenson, Victoria Lucia, Daniel Llamocca Obregon, Thandi Sulé, Meir Shillor, Paul Weinberg

Absent: Neil Baumgartner, Nicole Boelk

Staff: Linda Hutcheson (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Provost Council members were glad to hear the details of the Graduate Council's recent revision to the Graduate Posthumous Degree policy.
 - Graduate School Dean Brandy Randall reminded them to have their departments reach out to her if there is a policy that they would like to see reviewed by Graduate Council and potentially revised.
- Brandy recently arranged for Leonard Cassuto, Fordham University English department faculty member, and author of the Chronicle of Higher Education column The Graduate Advisor, as well as author of many books, to speak at Spring 2025 Commencement.
- At Brandy's request, the GS staff are creating a common Plan of Study form for all graduate academic programs. Getting information about required exceptions at the time of admission or soon thereafter will allow those exceptions to be entered on to Degree Works, and reduce the need for substitution/waiver forms.
 - This will help ensure students enroll only in courses that apply towards their degree program which is crucial because CPoS requires that Federal financial aid will only apply towards courses that are part of students' degree programs.
 - CPoS implementation has been pushed to Fall 2026, but departments are asked to please submit requests for changes to their programs that will decrease the need for exceptions now.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Weinberg introduced a motion to approve the minutes for the January 27, 2025, meeting. Anne Hranchook seconded. The minutes were approved unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

Meir Shillor introduced a motion to waive the second reading for New Combined Degree proposals 1-9 below. Paul Weinberg seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

Meir Shillor moved to approve the New Combined Degree proposals 1-9 below. Henry Aigbedo seconded. The motion was unanimously approved.

1) Computer Engineering, B.S.E./Electrical and Computer Engineering, M.S., Combined B.S.E./M.S., New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Brian Dean, Daniel Llamocca Obregon

2) Computer Engineering, B.S.E./Embedded Systems, M.S., Combined B.S.E./M.S., New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Brian Dean, Daniel Llamocca Obregon

3) Computer Engineering, B.S.E./Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering, M.S., Combined B.S.E./M.S., New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Brian Dean, Daniel Llamocca Obregon

4) Electrical Engineering B.S.E/Embedded Systems, M.S., Combined B.S./M.S., New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Brian Dean, Daniel Llamocca Obregon

5) Electrical Engineering, B.S.E/Electrical and Computer Engineering, M.S., Combined B.S.E/M.S., New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Brian Dean, Daniel Llamocca Obregon

6) Electrical Engineering, B.S.E/Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering, M.S. Combined B.S./M.S., New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Brian Dean, Daniel Llamocca Obregon

7) Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering, B.S.E./Electrical and Computer Engineering, M.S., Combined BS/MS, New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting..

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Brian Dean, Daniel Llamocca Obregon

8) Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering, B.S.E./Embedded Systems, M.S., Combined B.S./M.S., New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Brian Dean, Daniel Llamocca Obregon

9) Mechatronics and Robotics Engineering, Combined B.S.E./M.S., New Combined Degree: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

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DISCUSSION ITEMS

1) 2025 Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award - presentation of short list of nominees

Miranda Mae Pelkey Umbras and Raenece D Johnson were selected as the two recipients.

2) Dual Degree Graduate Programs, Graduate School Policy Revision - discussion of need for revision

- Council discussed taking out the percentage, adding that programs must articulate how students will meet the learning outcomes of both programs.
- Brandy Randall will revise the proposal and present it at the next meeting.

3) New Dual Degree Graduate Programs that don't require resources because use existing degrees-- what information do we actually need for governance

- Brandy Randall and Graduate School Assistant Dean Claire Rammel will provide a preliminary list of what should be required for programs using existing degrees to provide for governance, including Admission Requirements and Timing, Admission decision process (e.g., joint committee?), Curriculum and Plan of Study, Program Coordinator
 - Linda Hutcheson will forward it to members who will be asked to respond with any additional items they feel are needed.

4) Required Application Documents for Agreement students

- To make OU more attractive to prospective Agreement students, members discussed having different admission requirements for some types of Agreements than those required of typical admissions. In particular, not requiring transcript evaluations of undergraduate degrees.
 - Brandy Randall will look further at this.

GOOD AND WELFARE

Members were encouraged to come and enjoy the 3-Minute Thesis (3MT) and Graduate Student Showcase (GSS) competitions, the award ceremony and delicious food on Friday, February 14, 2025 from 2- 6 pm.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:05pm.