

Present:

Brandy Randall, (*Chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Mark Tomaszewski, Henry Aigbedo, Anne Hranchook (Co-Chair), John Krauss, Joanne Lipson-Freed, Victoria Lucia, Daniel Llamocca Obregon, Meir Shillor, Paul Weinberg,

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

Absent: Darrin Hanna, Helen Levenson, Thandi Sulé,

Staff: Linda Hutcheson (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

OU Emergency Closure

- The part that is needed to fix the issue has arrived.
- There will be no heat and no water for the affected buildings.
- The November 24, 2025, Graduate Council meeting is cancelled due to the closure.

Professional Development Series for Graduate Students

- Graduate Council members asked to encourage their department's students to attend these events.

Graduate School Staffing

- Grad Team 3 Lead Alicia Arbour will be leaving the Graduate School to work for the Registrar's Office.
- Per Academic Affairs new policy, the Provost's Office is reviewing whether the Graduate School can hire for Alicia and for Mark Tomaszewski's old positions.

Graduate and Professional Student Advisory Council (GPSAC)

- Next meeting is tonight at 5:30pm.
- GC members asked to encourage students in their department to apply for the volunteer opportunity with the Council. The Council is advisory to the Graduate School Dean.
- The Council is currently especially in need of prospective members that work full time, and those from the School of Business Administration.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

John Krauss introduced a motion to approve the minutes for the November 3, 2025, meeting. Paul Weinberg seconded. The minutes were approved by consensus.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Approved Graduate Certificates, Graduate School policy revision: second reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Presenter: Brandy Randall

- Brandy Randall will bring the policy back with further suggested revisions.

2. Reducing minimum number of PhD program credits and Graduate Transfer Credit, Graduate School policy revisions: third reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting

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- Council Members will discuss further with their schools. Brandy Randall may revise based on discussion at this meeting.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Graduate Course Instruction by Programs Not Authorized to Offer a Graduate Degree: review of further revision done per discussion that led to approval.

- Not discussed due to lack of time. Will be reassigned to next agenda.

2. Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award: to discuss possible revisions to selection process

- Brandy Randall will review the selection process timeline to find adequate time for subcommittee to do a small number of interviews at their discretion.
- Victoria Lucia, Meir Shillor, and Paul Weinberg volunteered for subcommittee.

3. Program Review: Rubric, Subcommittee report

- The subcommittee's revised form was well received and will be edited further as discussed.
- The subcommittee will trial the form on one program review and provide feedback to the Council at the December 8th GC meeting.

4. 2026 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award: select subcommittee to narrow list of nominees

- Henry Aigbedo, John Krauss, and Daniel Llamocca Obregon volunteered.

5. Dissertation Format Requirements: dissertation subcommittee report

- Not discussed due to lack of time. Will be reassigned to next agenda.

6. Graduate Council meeting day – possible change from Monday to Wednesday

- The possibility was mentioned, and will be further explored if DEI Council is moved from Wednesday afternoons when it has met for several years.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:38pm.