

Present:

Brandy Randall, (*Chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Henry Aigbedo, Anne Hranchook (Co-Chair), John Krauss, Joanne Lipson-Freed, Victoria Lucia, Daniel Llamocca Obregon, Thandi Sulé, Meir Shillor, Paul Weinberg, Neil Baumgartner, Nicole Boelk, Kristin Landis-Piwowar

Absent: Darrin Hanna, Helen Levenson, Tricia Westergaard

Staff: Linda Hutcheson (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Graduate School Dean Brandy Randall shared that the Graduate Council will no longer have chat messaging on Zoom enabled during regular Council meetings. Council members will raise their hands in-person or digitally to be recognized by Dean Randall.
- The sad passing of Senior Vice President for Student Affairs and Chief Diversity Officer Glenn McIntosh was acknowledged and Brandy spoke about his accomplishments and impact. His funeral will be held on campus in the OU Credit Union O'rena this coming Sunday, September 28, 2025.
- Mark Tomaszewski is the new Assistant Dean for Operations and Evaluation. He is revising the description for his old role before it is posted. Last week, Mark spearheaded the launch of the Graduate School's use of Asana project management software that is expected to improve efficiency.
- Xavier Iriarte is the Graduate School's new Graduate Assistant for Graduate Student Success. He is very well known and respected around campus. One aspect of his role is to develop a Graduate Student Success Resource Hub
- The Council of Graduate Schools (CGS) has put together resources for healthy research teams and labs. More will be shared as it becomes available.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Paul Weinberg introduced a motion to approve the minutes for the September 8, 2025, meeting. Anne Hranchook seconded. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Baccalaureate requirement for admissions, graduate school policy revision: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Presenter(s): Brandy Randall

All agreed to remove 'four-year' from the first sentence of the first draft of the proposed policy revision. Brandy will be obtaining information from detailed transcript evaluation providers that may lead to an additional edit to the policy.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Program Review, Subcommittee Report

The subcommittee is considering making revisions to the handbook so that it lines up with the rubric and will think about how to make the time discussing program reviews during Graduate Council meetings brief but effective. The subcommittee's next meeting is on October 2, 2025.

After confirming with the Graduate Council that they have the ability to modify the program review handbook, the subcommittee shared the plan for future work:

- a. Enhance HB directions
- b. Develop review process/structure
- c. Finalize
 - i. Graduate Program Review Checklist
 - ii. Graduate Review Summary Form
 - iii. Graduate Review Spreadsheet

2. Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award, to discuss potential revision to selection process

Members discussed a few possibilities for revisions to the selection process. Brandy will review the donor agreement and then bring this back to the Council.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:24pm.