

Present: Brandy Randall, (*Chair*), Claire Rammel (*Ex Officio*), Henry Aigbedo, Darrin Hanna, Anne Hranchook (Co-Chair), John Krauss, Helen Levenson, Joanne Lipson-Freed, Victoria Lucia, Daniel Llamocca Obregon, Thandi Sulé, Meir Shillor, Paul Weinberg, Nicole Boelk, Kristin Landis-Piwowar, Tricia Westergaard

Absent: Neil Baumgartner

Staff: Linda Hutcheson (*Secretary*)

REPORT FROM THE CHAIR

- Graduate School Dean Brandy Randall shared that overall graduate head count for Fall 2025 was up 1.3 %, entirely due to new student enrollment.
- There's an RFP underway focusing on recruitment to increase enrollment of international online students.
- Brandy thanked Registrar Tricia Westergaard for her recent suggestions for improvements to DegreeWorks.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Anne Hranchook introduced a motion to approve the minutes for the September 22, 2025, meeting. The minutes were approved by acclamation.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

1. Leadership, EdS, graduate program modification: second reading, debatable, amendable, and eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Reviewers: Darrin Hanna
Presenter(s): Eileen Johnson
 - Council requested revised proposal with EA 7750, in place of EA 7759, in its Plan of Study, and response to follow-up question on accreditation.

NEW BUSINESS

2. Music Education, PhD, end a graduate degree program: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.
Reviewers: Joanne Lipson-Freed, Meir Shillor
Presenter(s): Melissa Hoag

Meir Shillor introduced a motion to waive the second reading. Victoria Lucia seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

Paul Weinberg made a motion to suspend admissions for the Music Education, PhD, and to end the degree after the last student currently enrolled graduates. Victoria Lucia seconded. The motion was approved by acclamation.

3. K-12 Dance Education, GC, new graduate certificate: first reading, debatable, amendable, and not eligible for final vote at this meeting.

Reviewers: Henry Aigbedo, Daniel Llamocca

Presenter(s): Beth Dawson, Jeffrey Heisler, Elizabeth Kattner

- Council members complimented the proposal, and discussed the total required credit hours and the percentage of courses cross-listed with undergraduate courses.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. 2026 Outstanding Graduate Mentor Award: Subcommittee selection
 - Henry Aigbedo agreed to serve. Two more volunteers are sought.
2. Program Review Subcommittee: report
 - Subcommittee, Council, and guests discussed the subcommittee's handbook revision plans and the Graduate Council's part in the Program Review process.
3. Reducing minimum number of PhD program credits
 - Discussions on this policy revision are moving forward among Council members and with academic departments.
4. Don and Jan O'Dowd Graduate Award, to discuss potential revision to selection process
 - Brandy Randall will report on this at a future Council meeting after she receives additional information. There is an interview component for the Wilson Awards and Student Affairs will send Dean Randall the rubric for that.

GOOD AND WELFARE

John Krauss shared with Dissertation Requirements subcommittee the example of a dissertation with complete publications inserted into chapters and with page numbers entered outside of those publications as on all other dissertation pages.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 3:21pm.