



## GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

November 24th, 2025

The Graduate Council met in person on Monday, November 24th, 2025, at 2:20 pm in Room #583, Close-Hipp Building.

Graduate Council members present: Drs. Rachel Bush, Ashley Gess, Andrew Graciano, Daniel Kilpatrick, Kevin Lu, Terrance McAdoo, Kirk Randazzo, Ari Streisfeld, Kristen Weaver-Toedtman, Sanjib Sur, Rachel Williams, Jing Wen, Angelina Sylvain, Sourav Banerjee, Carolyn Harmon, Sriram Venkataraman, Nick Watanabe, Arunav Das (GSA), and Mark Yancey.

Graduate Council members absent: Dr. Bill Hauk, Chair; Drs. John Doering-White, Lorie Donelle, David Mott, and Jill Stewart.

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Lara Lomicka Anderson, Dr. Aaron Marterer, Dr. Lingyu (Lucy) Yu, Dr. Matt Klopfenstein, Dale Moore, and Wanda Barr

Provost Office Representatives: Trena Houpp and Dr. LaTrice Ratcliff-Small

Guests: Harlan Smith (ISSS)

**NOTE: These minutes will become final on November 24th, 2025, if not challenged.**

- 1. Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Kirk Randazzo, Vice Chair)  
The meeting was called to order at 2:23p.m., and the Agenda was approved.
- 2. Approval of the Minutes from October 27, 2025.** Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: <https://bit.ly/3SvPO0E>.  
***The minutes from August were unanimously approved.***
- 3. Report of the Chair** (Kirk Randazzo, Vice Chair)
- 4. Report of the Dean of the Graduate School** (Lara Lomicka Anderson)  
Dean Anderson shared that she is the Interim Vice Provost for Graduate Education and Interim Dean of the Graduate School, and Dr. Marterer is the Interim Associate Vice Provost of Graduate Education. Additionally, the Graduate School will not continue with Element 1801 and instead support the full implementation of Degree Works and rely on the existing systems.

Dean Anderson transitioned talking points to Dr. Aaron Marterer, who informed the council that a clarification document regarding International Credential Evaluation requirements for future semesters has been in the works and is soon to be shared.

Dr. Marterer handed the discussion to Dr. Lingyu (Lucy) Yu, who provided an update about the program of study dynamic form timeline. The new deadline is April 26, 2026—this remains in compliance with the university's digital accessibility standards.

**5. Report of the Graduate Student Association (Arunav Das)**

No report.

**6. Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Kirk Randazzo)**

Dual Degree and Concurrent Degree Enrollment Policy Proposal Discussion

As a part of our efforts to streamline the ability for PhD students to earn a master's degree on the way, both the Curriculum and Policy Committees approved the language. The Academic Policy and Practices Committee is bringing it up for a vote at Graduate Council:

[https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/degree-requirements/doctoral-degree-requirements/?utm\\_source=chatgpt.com#text](https://academicbulletins.sc.edu/graduate/degree-requirements/doctoral-degree-requirements/?utm_source=chatgpt.com#text)

For dual degree and concurrent degree enrollment, students are required to submit an individual program of study for each degree program. With approval of the program and the dean of the Graduate School, students concurrently enrolled may use no more than 12 credit hours that are common to all programs of study. However, if a student seeks to earn a master's degree on the way to a doctoral degree in the same discipline, the total number of credit hours applicable from the master's program may apply in full to the doctoral program. At their discretion, programs may permit fewer than 12 shared credit hours, or fewer shared hours than the master's-to-doctoral requirement for dual degree and concurrent enrollment programs within the same discipline.

Which previously read as:

“...However, if a student is concurrently enrolled in a master's and a doctoral program in the same discipline, the number of credit hours applicable from the master's program toward the doctoral program is limited to 9 hours. Programs may allow fewer than 12 shared hours or the 9 shared hours for the same discipline concurrent enrollment.”

***The proposal was unanimously approved by Graduate Council.***

**7. Report of the 500/600 Level Courses (Angelina Sylvain)**

This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

**500/600 Courses for November 2025 Grad Council**

(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal). Total: 5

**ANTH 550** (3) Archaeological Laboratory Methods, (CCP: Fall 2026)

**HPEB 683** (3) Sexual Health, (CCP: Fall 2026)

**POLI 502** (3) Methods of Political Analysis, (CCP: Fall 2026) – Online Delivery Only

**SOCY 527** (3) Social Cognition and Cultural Change, (NCP: Spring 2026)

**SPTE 545** (3) Managing Part-Time Employees and Volunteers, (CCP: Fall 2026) – Online Delivery Only

***The Graduate Council did not vote on these courses***

**8. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations.** Total: 5 (Lingyu Yu)

Name: **Christine Ralyea, PhD**

Program: College of Nursing

Term: Fall 2025 – Fall 2031

Name: **Meera Suthar, PhD**

Program: College of Nursing

Term: Fall 2025 – Fall 2031

Name: **Beverly Baliko, PhD**

Program: College of Nursing

Term: Fall 2025 – Fall 2031

Name: **Suha Rahif Tamim, PhD**

Program: Leadership, Learning Design & Inquiry

Term: Fall 2025 – Fall 2031

Name: **Ashley Gess, PhD**

Program: Teacher Education, College of Education

Term: Fall 2025 – Fall 2031

***These nominations were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.***

**9. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee** (Daniel Kilpatrick)

Dr. Kilpatrick reported an update that he and Dr. Matt Klopfenstein met and planned out a timeline and roadmap for next semester for the Presidential Fellowship, as well as the various scholarships they're in charge of.

**10. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee** (Andrew Graciano)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Total: 83

- **CHEM 732** (3) Nanoscale Behavior and Characterization of Polymers, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **COMD 774** (3-14) Internship in Speech Pathology, (CCP: Summer 2026)
- **EDAD 795A** (3) Practicum in School Administration, (CCP: Summer 2026) - Online Delivery Only
- **EDAD 795C** (3) Practicum in School Administration, (CCP: Summer 2026) - Online Delivery Only
- **EDLP 712** (3) PK-12 School Principal in Practice I, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **EDLP 713** (3) PK-12 School Principal in Practice II, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **FORL 712** (3) Advanced Methods in the Teaching of Foreign Languages, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **HPEB 770** (3) Health Education in Developing Countries, (Course Inactivation: Fall 2026)
- **ICOM 709** (3) Fundamentals of Data and Digital Communication I, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ICOM 710** (3) Fundamentals of Data and Communication II, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ICOM 795** (3) Special Topics in Information and Communications, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **ISCI 717** (3) Special Collections Librarianship, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 725** (3) Digital Libraries, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 726** (3) Leading Knowledge-Intensive Organizations, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 729** (3) Academic Libraries, (CCP: Fall 2026)

- **ISCI 730** (3) Cataloging Information Materials, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 733** (3) E-Resources Management, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 735** (3) Metadata, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 751** (3) Libraries, Literacy, and Literature, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 755** (3) Page-Turners & Programs (3) Engaging Adult Readers in Libraries, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 765** (3) Planning Library Facilities, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 770** (3) Design and Management of Databases, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 772** (3) Strategic Intelligence for Information Professionals, (Course Inactivation: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 777** (3) Design and Management of Digital Image Collections, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 778** (3) Seminar in Information Science, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 780** (3) Information Networks, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 787** (3) Seminar in Applied Information Systems for Information Specialists, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **ISCI 791** (3) Library and Information Science Study Away, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **KORE 777** (0) Supervised Instruction in Teaching Foreign Languages in College, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **LAWG 734** (3) Climate Change Seminar, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **LAWG 775** (3) Conservation Law in South Carolina, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **LAWG 776** (3) Environmental Compliance and Enforcement, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **MCBA 702** (3) Human Microscopic Anatomy, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **NURS 755** (3) Professional Roles of the Certified Nurse Midwife, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **NURS 760** (3) Family Nurse Practitioner Legal, Ethical, and Role Transition, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **NURS 768** (3) Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner (3) Legal, Ethical, and Role Transition, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **NURS 778** (3) Advanced Practice Role (3) Adult Gerontology Acute Care NP (AGACNP), (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **PHYT 742** (1) Professional Issues in Physical Therapy II, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **PHYT 743** (1) Professional Issues in Physical Therapy III, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **PHYT 749** (4) Orthopedic Physical Therapy Interventions, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **PHYT 784** (1) Evidence-Based Practice in Physical Therapy I, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **PHYT 787** (1) Seminar and Research in Physical Therapy, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **PHYT 788** (2) Evidence-Based Practice in Physical Therapy II, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **PHYT 812** (3) Integrated Patient Management, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **PHYT 887** (1-6) Evidence Based Project in Physical Therapy, (NCP: Spring 2026)
- **POLI 706** (3) Advanced Methods of Political Analysis, (CCP: Spring 2026) - Online Delivery Only
- **POLI 715** (3) International Relations Theory, (CCP: Spring 2026) - Online Delivery Only
- **POLI 780** (3) Theories of Comparative Politics, (CCP: Spring 2026) - Online Delivery Only
- **PUBH 700** (3) Perspectives in Public Health, (CCP: Fall 2026)
- **SOCY 727** (3) Culture and Cognition, (NCP: Spring 2026)
  
- **Adult Gerontology-Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Adult-Gerontology Acute Care Nurse Practitioner, D.N.P.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Anthropology, M.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Art Education, M.A.T. (P-12 Certification)**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Biomedical Engineering, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Civil Engineering, M.E.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Civil Engineering, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)

- **Civil Engineering, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Data and Communication, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Economics, M.A.**, (Program Inactivation: Fall 2026)
- **Education Administration, M.Ed.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Environmental Law and Sustainability, M.S.L.**, (New Program Proposal: Fall 2026)
- **Family Nurse Practitioner, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Family Nurse Practitioner, D.N.P.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Family Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Health Services Policy and Management, M.H.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Information Technology, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Journalism and Mass Communications, M.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Journalism and Mass Communications, M.M.C.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Library and Information Science, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Nurse Midwifery, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Nurse Midwifery, D.N.P.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Nurse Midwifery, M.S.N.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Performance Nutrition and Dietetics, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Pharmaceutical Sciences, M.S.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Pharmaceutical Sciences, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Physical Education, M.A.T. (P-12 Certification)**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Physical Therapy, D.P.T.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, Certificate**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner, M.S.N.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Sociology, M.A.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Sociology, Ph.D.**, (Program Change Request: Fall 2026)
- **Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages, Certificate**, (Program Inactivation: Fall 2026)

**These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.**

#### **11. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Sriram Venkataraman)**

Grade Change Petition Case review.

- Dr. Venkataraman moved for the Graduate Council to go into closed session.
- Upon returning to open session, the motion from the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee to support this student's petition was unanimously approved.

#### **12. Other Committee Reports**

None.

#### **13. Old Business**

None.

#### **14. New Business**

None.

## 15. Good of the Order

### Reminder Dates:

- December 8: Next Graduate Council meeting on Monday, December 8th at 2:00pm, Close Hipp, Room #583.
- December 15: Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, Monday, December 15th, 10am, Koger Center for the Arts.

## 16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:59 p.m.

Lara Lomicka Anderson, Dean

CC: Michael Amiridis, President  
Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Provost  
Lara Lomicka Anderson, Dean of the Graduate School  
Aaron Marterer, Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education  
Deans  
Department Chairs  
Graduate Directors  
Elaine Belesky, University Registrar  
Malia Kiehl, Office of the Registrar  
Ed Short, Office of the Registrar