

## Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

October 7, 2025 – 3:30 pm

K-State Union, Room 227

Present: T. Amtoft, M. Arthaud-Day, C. Craft (Grad Faculty Associate), M. Elcioglu, U. Emery-McClure, T. Felderhoff, E. Geisbrecht, J. Gordon, A. Heseltine (GSC President-elect), T. Jenkins, A. Jha (GSC President), S. Joseph, L. Larson, J. Li, M. Miller (Asst. Dir. Student Success), J. Nikkel (Academic Innovation), P. Payne (Interim Dean), D. Pickens, D. Rolles, B. Schultz, A. Sheshukov, V. Trinetta, J. Ulmer, M. Veeman, D. Walker, A. Wefald, M. Wei, L. Yang

Absent: A. Ahlers, C. Alexis, L. Bonella, H. Dogan, S. Kavimandan, T. Linnemann, T.G. Nagaraja, Mervi Pakaste (Sabbatical), S. Rishi, S. Yelich Biniiecki, U. Yucel

### 1. Opening Remarks.

### 2. Approval of Minutes. September 2, 2025 meeting. GC2025\_09\_Minutes.pdf.

If there are no corrections, the body can approve the minutes by unanimous consent without a motion. When there is a need for a vote, the body no longer needs to record the name of the person who seconds the motion. The minutes were approved by unanimous consent.

### 3. Graduate School Updates.

a. K-State Office of General Counsel Brief. *Title VI on Campus: Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Race, Color, and National Origin, including Shared Ancestry* – Erin Sommer Good, Senior Associate General Counsel

Attorney Good presented a 20-minute brief on the government's interpretation of Title VI (and Civil Rights Law) from 2023 to current and how the university is balancing the law, guidance on how it will be interpreted and applied, and its strategic mission. Point of Contact for concerns (at K-State that's CRIX civilrights@ksu.edu)

b. Graduate student mentorship initiatives are off to a great start with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Student Success Symposium on October 2, 2025. It was a great turn out-- 33 faculty and staff attended to talk about student wellness and supporting graduate students.

### 4. Council Chairs Meeting – 09/30/2025.

Dr. Craft explained that the committee chairs discussed possible policies for review and ways to prioritize their review.

### 5. Academic Affairs Committee – Bruce Schultz, Co-Chair

- Report.
- Action Items.

Graduate Faculty Nominations. ← [Click the link to access nominations](#)

See Chapter 5 “The Graduate Faculty” of the Graduate Handbook for eligibility and nomination requirements. <https://www.k-state.edu/grad/student-success/graduate-handbook/chapter5.html>

Name	Position	Department/Program	Type	Page
Richard Hannah	Instructor	Educational Leadership	Associate <i>Teach and Serve</i>	6
Wenting Hu	Teaching Assistant Professor	Chemistry	Associate <i>Teach and Serve</i>	9
Beverlee McClure*	Professor of Practice	Educational Leadership	Associate <i>Teach and Serve</i>	12
Qibang Liu	Adjunct Faculty	Industrial and Manufacturing Systems Engineering	Associate <i>Serve</i>	15
Gregory Vincent	Instructor	Educational Leadership	Associate <i>Serve</i>	18
Mohammad Hashemi	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Certification	21
Samee Khan	Professor / Department Head	Electrical and Computer Engineering	Certification	24
Peter Weinert	Assistant Professor	School of Music, Theatre, and Dance	Certification	27

\*Associate member re-nomination

Motion: The Academic Affairs Committee moves to approve all Associate membership nominations as presented. Coming from a committee the motion does not require a second.



Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 22-0-0. Motion carried.

Motion: The Academic Affairs Committee moves to approve all requests for Certification as presented. Coming from a committee the motion does not require a second.

Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 22-0-0. Motion carried.

## 6. Course and Curriculum items.

### Follow these steps to view the proposals in Curriculog:

- Login to Curriculog using your K-State eID and password: <https://kstate.curriculog.com>.
- Click the Curriculog agenda link in the table below.
- From the list of proposals, hover over the proposal and click the  *View Proposal* icon.
- In “User Tracking” (upper right corner), change "Show current" to "Show current with markup."
- View the proposal. To view attachments, click the  *Files* icon in the menu on the right side of the screen.
- Use the browser back button to return to the agenda and select next proposal.

For more information on viewing proposals, see: <http://www.k-state.edu/curriculog/training/view/index.html>

<b>Course Changes - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2864/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2864/form</a></b>		
<b>College</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
Arts and Sciences	BIOCH 925	Molecular Mechanisms of Aging
Arts and Sciences	GEOG 820	Geographic Thought
Arts and Sciences	MATH 821	Real Analysis
Arts and Sciences	MC 701	Orientation to Graduate Studies in Communication

Motion: The Academic Affairs Committee moves to approve all Course Change proposals as presented. Coming from a committee the motion does not require a second.  
Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 22-0-0. Motion carried.

<b>New Courses - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2865/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2865/form</a></b>		
<b>College</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
Arts and Sciences	ART 609	Art History and Research Seminar
Arts and Sciences	ART 646	Art of Ancient Mesoamerica: Olmec to Aztec
Arts and Sciences	ART 648	Art of Japan
Arts and Sciences	ART 663	Art and Life of Michelangelo
Arts and Sciences	COMM 727	Theories and Research of Organizational Communication
Arts and Sciences	COMM 818	Computational Methods in Communication and Media Research
Arts and Sciences	MC 729	Digital Advocacy and Strategy
Arts and Sciences	MC 735	Algorithms, Analytics, an AI in Media
Arts and Sciences	PHILO 681	Capstone Directed Research in Applied Philosophy
Arts and Sciences	STAT 728	Python for Statistics and Data Science

Motion: The Academic Affairs Committee moves to approve all New Course proposals as presented. Coming from a committee the motion does not require a second.  
Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 20-0-2. Motion carried.

<b>Courses to Discontinue - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2866/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2866/form</a></b>		
<b>College</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 643	Food Writing
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 660	Nutrition and Food Behavior
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 761	Applied Management in Dietetics
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 762	Applied Clinical Dietetics
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 815	Molecular Basis of Nutrient Function
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 838	Advanced Clinical Dietetics
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 839	Clinical Nutrition Support
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 842	Advanced Nutrition: Nutrigenomics, Nutrigenetics, and Advanced Lipid Metabolism

Courses to Discontinue - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2866/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2866/form</a>		
College	Course Number	Title
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 859	Nutrition: A Focus on Life Stages
Health and Human Sciences	FNDH 896	Financial Management and Cost Control in Dietetics
Arts and Sciences	MATH 877	Classical and Quantum General Relativity

Motion: The Academic Affairs Committee moves to discontinue the 11 course proposals as presented. Coming from a committee the motion does not require a second.

Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 22-0-0. Motion carried.

New Curricula - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2867/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:2867/form</a>	
College	Title
Health and Human Sciences	Accelerated Kinesiology (BS)/Master of Public Health (MPH)
Staley School of Leadership	Leadership for Conflict Transformation (MS)
Business Administration	Master of Marketing Science (MS)

Motion: The Academic Affairs Committee moves to approve all New Curricula as presented. Coming from a committee the motion does not require a second.

Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 22-0-0. Motion carried.

**7. Student Affairs Committee - Lotta Larson, Chair**

- Report. Last meeting was 09/09/25.
  - Co-Chair – Michael Veeman
  - Work plan for AY 25-26, including review of student awards and scholarships applications.
  - Policy benchmarking assignment: Graduate Student Rights and Grievance Procedures (Grad Handbook Appendix A)
- Action Items. None.

**8. Committee on Planning – Jonathan Ulmer, Chair**

- Report. Last meeting is 09/11/2025.
  - Co-Chair – Doug Walker
  - Policy benchmarking priorities
- Action Items. None.

**9. Assessment and Review Committee – Christy Craft, Graduate Faculty Associate**

- Report.
  - APRR and Enhanced APRR are paused for this academic year.
  - Policy benchmarking assignment: Membership Suspension or Revocation (Membership and Certification, Grievance, Suspension, Revocation, Regaining Status.)

- Action Items. None.

**10. Graduate Student Council - Aditya Jha, President**

- Report.

The GSC is currently preparing for the Research and The State. Poster presentations will take place on October 28, 10:00 am – noon and 1:30 pm – 3:30 pm in Regnier Atrium. The GSC seeks faculty as judges for the event. If you’re interested, please fill out a volunteer form at the following link:

[https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV\\_cPIJLjLIBqH3J1Y](https://kstate.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_cPIJLjLIBqH3J1Y).

[Click here](#) for more information on Research and the State on the Graduate School website.

- Action Items.

**11. Informational Items.**

**Pitch and Pizza: Presentation Workshop, 10/8/2025, 5 pm – 6 pm.** The Graduate School is partnering with the Center for the Advancement of Entrepreneurship, in the College of Business Building to help grad students learn how to break down complex topics and present to people outside their fields.

**Graduate School meeting with Department Heads on 10/09/2025, 11:30 am – 1 pm, Room 4061 Business Building.**

**Graduate School Know-How: Admissions Best Practices, 10/21/2025, 11:30 am – 1 pm, 407 Hale Library.** This session will include tips for navigating Slate.

- a. Graduate Faculty membership approved by the Dean.

Name	Position	Department/Program	Date
Yian Chen	Assistant Professor	Biological and Agricultural Engineering	09/24/2025
Mohammad Hashemi	Assistant Professor	Electrical and Computer Engineering	09/12/2025
Samee Khan	Professor / Department Head	Electrical and Computer Engineering	09/12/2025

- b. Emergency Non-Graduate Faculty approvals to teach courses granted by the Dean.

Name	Position	Department/Program	Date	Courses
Jay Disberger	Assistant Professor	Architectural Engineering and Construction Sciences	08/22/2025	ARE 741 - Building Communication Systems

**12. Adjournment.** The Council adjourned at 4:12 pm.