

## Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

April 7, 2026 – 3:30 pm  
K-State Union, Room 227

Present: A. Ahlers, C. Alexis, T. Amtoft, M. Arthaud-Day, L. Olsen, C. Craft, H. Dogan, M. Elcioglu, U. Emery-McClure, T. Felderhoff, E. Geisbrecht, J. Gordon, T. Jenkins, S. Joseph, S. Kavimandan, L. Larson, J. Li, M. Miller, J. Nikkel, M. Pakaste P. Payne, C. Pickens, D. Rolles, B. Schultz, A. Sheshukov, V. Trinetta, M. Veeman, A. Wefald, L. Yang, S. Yelich Biniiecki, U. Yucel, A. Hernandez.

Absent: A. Heseltine, a. Jha, T. Linnemann, T.G. Nagaraja, S. Rishi, S. Schlender, J. Ulmer, D. Walker, M. Wei.

### 1. Opening Remarks.

Dean Payne called the meeting to order and welcomed everyone.

### 2. Approval of Minutes. March 3, 2026

The body can approve the minutes by general (Unanimous) consent without a second. If corrections are offered, they can also be approved through general consent without a separate motion. However, if someone objects to an approval by general consent, then a second is required along with a vote.

- *The minutes we approved by unanimous consent.*

### 3. Graduate School Updates.

Dean Payne shared updates for the Graduate School:

- Two graduate students represented K-State at the 2026 Midwestern Association of Graduate Schools Conference (MAGS). Vidya Nadar won first place for three-minute thesis competition and Camila Quimbayo got an award for MAGS Excellence in Teaching.
- We had a successful Graduate School Know-How open house; many people came in to enjoy the refreshments and learn more about the Graduate School.
- K-Grad will be April 21<sup>st</sup> and April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Graduate School Town Hall meeting will be April 29<sup>th</sup>
- Alumni Fellow Mona Dexter will be coming to K-State on April 23<sup>rd</sup>
- Day of Giving April 8<sup>th</sup>, If the Graduate School gets 50 individual donors we will be matched with \$50,000.

### 4. Academic Affairs Committee – Hulya Dogan, Chair

- Report. – Bruce Schultz (Co-Chair) shared the report for the Academic Affairs Committee
- 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
Britton Scheuemann	Research Assistant Professor	Kinesiology	Membership	5
Michelle Davenport (Yadon)	Instructor	Music, Theatre, and Dance	Associate Teach and Serve	8
Britton Scheuemann	Research Assistant Professor	Kinesiology	Certification	5
Rachel L Dirks	Assistant Professor	Curriculum and Instruction	Certification	11
Diego Lopez Diaz	Assistant Professor	Grain and Food Science	Certification	14
Katie Olsen	Assistant Professor	Media and Communication	Certification	17
Xin Yang	Assistant Professor	Grain and Food Science	Certification	20
Yanghong He	Assistant Professor	Grain and Food Science	Certification	23
Guojun Wu	Assistant Professor	Grain and Food Science	Certification	26
Gavin Rice	Assistant Professor	Biology	Certification	31

\*Associate member re-nomination

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

Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 23-0-1

Motion: The Academic Affairs committee moves to approve all associate member nominations as presented. Coming from a committee, the motion does not require a second.


Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 21-0-3


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

Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 21-0-3

## 5. Course and Curriculum items.

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- 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.

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<b>Course Changes - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3174/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3174/form</a></b>		
<b>College</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
Agriculture	AGRON 655	Site-Specific Agriculture
Engineering	CIS 761	Data Base Management Systems
Engineering	CIS 899	Research in Computer Science
Arts and Sciences	COMM 800	Teaching Public Speaking
Agriculture	ENTOM 649	Introduction to Arthropod Vectors of Human Pathogens
Agriculture	ENTOM 805	Insects of Stored Products
Agriculture	ENTOM 849	Arthropod Vectors of Human Pathogens
School of Consumer Sciences	FASH 655	Flat Pattern
School of Consumer Sciences	FASH 670	Pre-Production Technologies
School of Health Sciences	FNDH 820	Functional Foods for Chronic Disease Prevention
Agriculture	GRSC 650	Nutritional Impacts of Processing
Agriculture	GRSC 920	Grain Science Graduate Seminar
Engineering	IMSE 605	Advanced Industrial Management
Engineering	ME 622	Indoor Environmental Engineering
Engineering	ME 699	Advanced Topics in Mechanical Engineering
Arts and Sciences	MUSIC 704	History and Literature of the Orchestra
Arts and Sciences	MUSIC 707	History and Literature of the Wind Band
Arts and Sciences	MUSIC 859	Advanced Instrumental Conducting

Motion: The Academic Affairs committee moves to approve all course changes as presented. Coming from a committee, the motion does not require a second.

Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 20-0-4

<b>New Courses - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3175/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3175/form</a></b>		
<b>College</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
Agriculture	AGRON 651	Crop/Weed Science Team

Motion: The Academic Affairs committee moves to approve all new courses as presented. Coming from a committee, the motion does not require a second.

Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 21-0-3

<b>Courses to Discontinue - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3176/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3176/form</a></b>		
<b>College</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
Arts and Sciences	CHM 777	Practical NMR Spectroscopy
Arts and Sciences	CHM 800	Chemistry in Outer Space and in the laboratory
Arts and Sciences	CHM 801	Chemical Thermodynamics
Arts and Sciences	CHM 820	Materials Chemistry
Arts and Sciences	CHM 856	Chemical Kinetics
Arts and Sciences	CHM 902	Graduate Seminar in Inorganic Chemistry
Arts and Sciences	CHM 903	Graduate Seminar in Organic Chemistry
Arts and Sciences	CHM 904	Graduate Seminar in Physical Chemistry
Arts and Sciences	CHM 930	Homogeneous Catalysis
Arts and Sciences	CHM 935	Selected Topics in Inorganic Chemistry
Arts and Sciences	CHM 937	Applications of Surface Science to Chemistry
Arts and Sciences	CHM 939	Topics in Analytical Chemistry
Arts and Sciences	CHM 940	Chemical Microscopy
Arts and Sciences	CHM 944	Electroanalytical Chemistry
Arts and Sciences	CHM 950	Chemical Statistical Mechanics
Arts and Sciences	CHM 955	Selected Topics in Physical Chemistry
Agriculture	HORT 751	Human Issues in Horticultural Therapy
Agriculture	HORT 752	Horticulture in Horticultural Therapy
Agriculture	HORT 753	Clinical Skills in Horticulture Therapy
Agriculture	HORT 755	Practicum in Horticultural Therapy
Agriculture	HORT 940	Plant Regulators in Horticulture
Agriculture	HORT 970	Topics in Horticultural Therapy
Engineering	IMSE 666	Operations Research III
Engineering	IMSE 810	Industrial Logistics Engineering
Engineering	IMSE 830	Applied Fuzzy Set Theory

<b>Courses to Discontinue - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3176/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3176/form</a></b>		
<b>College</b>	<b>Course Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
Engineering	IMSE 841	Advanced Topics in Quality Engineering
Engineering	IMSE 842	Reliability Theory
Engineering	IMSE 867	Stochastic Programming
Engineering	IMSE 871	Advanced Topics in Computer Integrated Manufacturing
Engineering	IMSE 873	Industrial Systems Analysis
Engineering	IMSE 885	Advanced Manufacturing Information Systems
Engineering	IMSE 888	Research Methods in Industrial Engineering
Engineering	IMSE 898	Master's Report
Engineering	IMSE 976	Scheduling Theory

Motion: The Academic Affairs committee moves to approve the courses to discontinue as presented. Coming from a committee, the motion does not require a second.  
Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 23-0-1

<b>Curricular Changes - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3177/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3177/form</a></b>	
<b>College</b>	<b>Title</b>
Education	Academic Advising Graduate Certificate
Engineering	Accelerated Mechanical Engineering (BS) / Master of Business Administration (MBA)
Education	College Athlete Development Graduate Certificate
Education	Master of Arts in Teaching - Secondary (MAT)
Veterinary Medicine	Master of Public Health (MPH)

Motion: The Academic Affairs committee moves to approve all the curricular changes as presented. Coming from a committee, the motion does not require a second.  
Vote (YES-NO-ABSTAIN): 20-0-4

<b>New Curricula - <a href="https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3178/form">https://kstate.curriculog.com/agenda:3178/form</a></b>	
<b>College</b>	<b>Title</b>
School of Health Sciences	Food For Disease Prevention Graduate Certificate

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): 19-0-5

## 6. Student Affairs Committee - Lotta Larson, Chair

- Report:
  - L. Larson updated the council:
    - Recommendations are moving on to Committee on Planning this month for review
    - Currently working on Benchmarking TOEFL scores.
- Action Items: none.

## 7. Committee on Planning – Jonathan Ulmer, Chair

- Report:
  - C. Craft shared the report for Committee on Planning:
    - Appendix A revisions. Reviewed Scope of Authority and Added Conflict Resolution and Resources along with clear timelines and forms to begin the process.
    - Chapter 5 A2 was reviewed to help streamline the process with only a notification from the department head to the Dean along with a CV. Our 2<sup>nd</sup> reading will be this month.
    - Dean Payne Mentioned Appendix A is currently at the Provost and Dr. Mohr-Schroeder, then it will move on to OGC to make sure everything is aligned with university policy. The Appendix is expected to reach Graduate Council in the fall.
- Action Items: none.

## 8. Assessment and Review Committee – Umut Yucel, Chair

- Report:
  - Reviewed and approved the proposal for *Food for Disease Prevention Graduate Certificate*.
  - Continued our discussion regarding the 3-year bachelor's degree benchmarking assignment. The committee found that there is limited information available. Currently looking how it can impact graduate education and the broader implications for K-State.
  - This discussion will continue at our next meeting.
- Action Items: none.

## 9. Graduate Student Council - Aditya Jha, President

- Report:
  - Dean Payne Shared the report for GSC:
    - GSC will have its final meeting of the year to set up next year's new members
    - Pins and Piza with Provost and Payne will be next Monday April 13<sup>th</sup>.
- Action Items: none.

## 10. Informational Items.

a. Graduate Faculty membership approved by the Dean.

<b>Name</b>	<b>Position</b>	<b>Department/Program</b>	<b>Date</b>
Guojun Wu	Assistant Professor	Grain and Food Science	3/2/2026
Xin Yang	Assistant Professor	Grain and Food Science	3/2/2026
Yanghong He	Assistant Professor	Grain and Food Science	3/2/2026

- Graduate Council Elections Results will be announced next Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>.

**11. Adjournment.** The meeting adjourned at 3:57 pm.