


Graduate Council Meeting
Friday, March 6, 2026
1:00 p.m.
Atkinson 202

Call to Order

Members: Mandy Jarriel (Grad School), ~~Doyin Cokerkolo~~ (CoEd), Kristina Dandy (CoAS), Tanya Goette (CoBT), ~~Josie Doss~~ (CoHS), Janet Turner (CoEd), ~~Mike Martino~~ (CoHS), ~~Krystal Canady~~ (CoHS), ~~Scott Cox~~ (CoBT), ~~Tina Holmes-Davis~~ (CoAS), Al Mead (Chair, CoAS), Shanda Brand* (Grad Admissions), ~~Solomon Ashu~~* (student rep.).

*non-voting

Additional: Cara Smith*, ~~Kay Anderson~~*, ~~Eleni Bonner~~*, Lyndall Muschell*

Regrets: Krystal Canady, Doyin Cokerkolo, Tina Holmes-Davis, Josie Doss, Mike Martino, Scott Cox, Kay Anderson

Guests:

Did not have a quorum. No items voted on.

Approval of Agenda

Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2026.

Welcome and Graduate School Updates: Mandy Jarriel, Interim Associate Provost, Director of the Graduate School

Old Business: maximum allowable credit overlap between graduate programs?

Lengthy discussion regarding policy. Cara will look at SACS and CPHE for guidance; Mandy will look at USG.

Need two new policies at Senate:

1. shared classes in two degrees (CoBT proposal)
2. number of classes in dual degree (A&S proposal coming later)

New Business:

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• **Action Items:**

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College of Arts & Sciences

○ None:

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College of Business & Technology

○ A&BL and IS&CS:

- Combined Master of Accountancy (MAcc) and Master of Management Information Systems (MMIS)

Kay emailed list of questions. Questions and Tanya's response attached at end of Minutes

College of Education:

- None:

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College of Health Sciences

- None:

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- **Information Items:**

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Update from Each College:

- College of Arts & Sciences
- College of Business & Technology
- College of Education
- College of Health Sciences

Announcements/Discussion:

Next Meeting:

Graduate Council: April 3, 2026 (1:00 PM) – Atkinson 202

Adjournment

Graduate Council Meetings for 2024-2025

August 29, 2025 – Atkinson 202

September 12, 2025 – Atkinson 202—did not meet, no agenda items

October 10, 2025 – Atkinson 202

November 7, 2025 – Atkinson 202

January 16, 2026 – Atkinson 202

February 13, 2026 – Atkinson 202

March 6, 2026 – Atkinson 202

April 3, 2026 – Atkinson 202

Graduate Council terms of service:

CoAS: Al Mead (chair) (2025), Tina Holmes-Davis (term ends in 2027)

CoBT: Scott Cox (2026)

CoE: Janet Turner (term ends in 2027)

CoHS: Krystal Canady (secretary) (term ends in 2027), Mike Martino (term ends in 2027)

Kays questions and notes from Tanya:

West GA has a MBA/MACC at 45 hours. I found that Valdosta State has a combined MBA/MACC at 42 hours.

1. Can students seek admission to this program after they begin one of their degrees? (I'm guessing yes, up to a point.) - Yes - best if say students must declare for the dual degree by the first day of class of their 2nd semester as a graduate student.

2. Will the MMIS option only be online, or do we need to add CBIS course equivalents for face-to-face students? It's going to be important that we build this into the catalog if it will be an option. There are likely going to be fee structure issues that need to be worked out before students start enrolling if students are doing some work face to face and other work exclusively online. - **If we need to add those in, I can look at that next week. All existing MMIS classes that have a CBIS 5000 level equivalent would count.**
3. Let's clarify the transfer credit policy as well. Would more be allowed for a 45-hour degree program than a 30-hour program? - **Since these are two degrees, I would assume the transfer in would only count toward one of the degree programs. Correct - max total of 9 hours transferred in**
4. If a student decides that they no longer want to do the dual degree, will the expectation be that they must then complete the full MMIS or MAcc program as constituted? - **if a student decides to drop one of the programs, they must unenroll from that program. Since they have to apply and be accepted by each program individually, unenrolling from one of the programs would not impact their enrollment in the other program.**
5. University good standing for graduate students is determined by GPA, not program. Dismissal is determined by program. If students are dismissed from one program, would they be allowed to continue in the other? (This might be moot because their GPA would likely not allow them to progress to graduation.) What if they are dismissed for conduct or other cause in one program? - **Student would be allowed to continue in a program as long as they are qualified to do so. Again, two programs, two applications, two acceptances, and they must maintain the standards in each program individually to remain in each of the programs.**
6. Will students receive a Master of Management Information Systems degree AND a Master of Accountancy degree, or will it be a single degree with some combination of the two degree names? (I suspect the former, with two separate degrees posted on the transcript and two diplomas.) -**Students receive each degree separately, so two degrees total if they complete the full combined program.**
7. In addition to noting that it is not retroactive (which I take to mean that you can't "add on" to the MMIS or MAcc degree you already earned), please also write in every possible place that students will earn both degrees at the same time and that neither degree will be awarded independent of the other. **Okay.**