



Graduate Council Meeting

Friday, April 3, 2026

1:00 p.m.

Atkinson 202

Amended to include email vote 04/17/2026

Members: Janet Turner (CoEd), Mike Martino (CoHS), Krystal Canady (CoHS), Scott Cox (CoBT), Al Mead (Chair, CoAS), Shanda Brand* (Grad Admissions), Solomon Ashu* (student rep.).

*non-voting

Additional: Cara Smith*, Kay Anderson*, Lyndall Muschell*

Regrets: Tanya Goette, Kristina Dandy

Absent: Doyin Cokerkolo (CoEd), Tina Holmes-Davis (CoAS), Mandy Jarriel (Grad School), Josie Doss (COHS),

Guests: None

- Called to order at 1:06 by Al Mead
- Not enough voting members in attendance to vote on any items.

Discussion

Discussion was initiated by Cara Smith and Kay Anderson regarding several concerns related to the graduate curriculum. Kay Anderson noted that several recent changes have been implemented quickly, highlighting the need to slow the process and conduct a more comprehensive review of key items with a full Graduate Task Force.

The group agreed that graduate policies require further evaluation, and that forming summer workgroups may be beneficial to support more in-depth, collaborative discussions. It was also suggested that the newly hired AVP be included in future conversations to help address broader graduate-level priorities.

Additionally, the group emphasized that a formal dual degree policy must be developed prior to any voting on dual degree proposals. Further discussion explored distinctions between dual degrees, shared courses allowed, and dual majors across graduate programs.

Approval of Agenda- unable to vote

Approval of Minutes – February 13, 2026; March 6, 2026- **unable to vote**

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

Old Business: maximum allowable credit overlap between graduate programs? More to come.

New Business:

- **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)

(Discussion above-no voting currently- will revisit)

College of Education:

- None:

College of Health Sciences

- None:

- **Information Items:**

- EDIT 6264 Children's Literature in the Media Center; Course Title Modification
Updated Course Title: Children's Literature in the School Library
- EDIT 6254 Operation of the Library Media Center; Course Title Modification
Course Title Update: Operation of the School Library
- EDIT 6263 Information Technologies in the Media Center;
Course Title and Catalog Description
Course Title Update: Information Technologies in the School Library
Course Description Update: Principles, methods, and applications involved in the use of information technologies in the school library, focusing on the use of computers and technology in automating operations such as circulation, maintenance, and collection evaluation.
- EDIT 6256 Information Sources & Services in the Media Center; Course Title Modification
Course Title Update: Information Sources & Services in the School Library
- EDIT 6960 Internship & Capstone – Library Media; Course Title Modification
Course Title Update: Internship & Capstone - School Librarianship
- EDIT 6268 Selection of Library Media; Course Title Modification
Course Title Update: Selection of School Library Resources
- EDIT 6262 Young Adult Literature in the Media Center; Course Title Modification
Updated Course Title: Young Adult Literature in the School Library
- EDIT 6231 Research for Library Media/Instructional Technology; Course Title and Catalog Description Modification
Course Title Update: Research for Instructional Technology/School Librarianship
Course Description Update: This course focuses on research methodologies with special attention on areas relevant to instructional technology and school library professionals. Content throughout the semester will examine current research-based best practices, evaluation of resources for accuracy, bias, validity, relevance, cultural context, ethical use, and dissemination of research. The course will culminate in development of research proposals aimed at effective use of research and subsequent data to enhance school practice, policy, and overall learning and professional development improvement efforts.
- Double Bobcats: Exercise Science or Public Health

Update from Each College: No major announcements were made.

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

Announcements/Discussion: None

Next Meeting:

Graduate Council: August ?, 2026 (1:00 PM) – location ?

Adjournment @ 1:22

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)

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Hi everyone,

We have two time-sensitive items that require a Graduate Council vote. There is one additional item that is not time-sensitive, but I would like to take care of it as well. Since we will not meet again until August, I am calling for an email vote. You should have received the information yesterday (Thursday) around 2:00. Please reply-all if you feel that we need to discuss any of the items. Please send your vote for each item by noon Tuesday, April 22.

1. Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Computer Science for Teachers, deactivation
2. Post Baccalaureate Certificate in Education and Equity, deactivation
3. MACC; Moving ACCT 6115 Governmental Accounting to the accounting elective choices and adding a new course, ACCT 6110 Financial Reporting in its place as a required course.

04/22/2026

Good morning everyone,

The votes were unanimous to approve the three proposals. Thank you for your participation.

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