



Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Friday, September 11, 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), Stephen Wills (CoEd), Lateshia Warren (CoEd), Mike Martino (CoHS), Sandra Copeland (CoHS), Eddie Thomas (CoBT), Tina Holmes-Davis (CoAS), Al Mead (Chair, CoAS), Mallory Miller* (Grad Admissions), _____* (student rep.).

*non-voting

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

Regrets: Sandra Copeland, Tanya Goette

Absent:

Guests: Dr. Jeannie Pridmore

Approval of Agenda: Moved by Kristina Dandy & Seconded by Tina Holmes-Davis

Approval of Minutes – August 28, 2026. Moved by Doyin Cokerkolo & Seconded by Mike Martino

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

- We are excited to have Mallory on board
- Double bobcat for accounting was approved

Old Business: Maximum allowable credit overlap between graduate programs? Need to edit and vote on Policy Proposal. Attachments: [USG Combined Degree Program Data and Graduate Dual Degree Policy](#).

- Tanya shared an email on 8.28.26 with additional questions about the proposal
- This policy could apply to certain programs
- *Questions considered:*
- We are giving two degrees to the same person; how do we maintain our level of excellence?
 - Could we have language that explains if courses are overlapping? This depends on the degree
 - Maximum no more than 9-12, could exceptions be made for certain programs
 - Who would be the gatekeeper for approval?
 - This would need to be included in the policy
 - Consider the wording of “no more than 15 hours” as determined by the program
- **Internal Dual Degree** - why would we limit ourselves by saying different departments? MMIS and MSAIS is a classic example as both are located in IS&CS. A student will select one instead of the other, rather than getting two, if they cannot be a dual degree.
 - Rewording to different departments in place of different department
- **Timing** - I do not know why students cannot apply until after finishing one semester, and then, not if they have completed more than 50% of their degree. Why can't they apply to both programs initially?
 - We want to encourage students to apply to both programs initially
 - 50% is an issue with double bobcats; we need to review the double bobcats policy
 - Latest a student can apply for the 2nd degree
 - We don't think there should be a time limit

- Academic standard/progression
 - Consider how we will monitor maintaining progress through both programs, this could be an issue with athletes, international students & financial aid
 - Suggestion: student be in a class for both degrees every semester
 - If this is not possible, it needs to be documented
- Students will receive two different diplomas and listed separately on their transcript
- Mandy will revise the policy & we can provide an email vote on the revised policy
- **Action Items:**
 - [Approve Bylaws \(edited version sent as attachment\)](#)
 - Moved by Tina Holmes-Davis; Seconded by Kristina Dandy
 - Changes approved on 9.11.26
 - Changes will be sent to Emily

College of Arts & Sciences

- None:
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College of Business & Technology

- None:
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College of Education:

- None:
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College of Health Sciences

- None:
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- **Information Items:**
 - Remind students to submit graduate applications (due 9/11) accepted until the end of the semester

Update from Each College:

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

Announcements/Discussion:

- Moved by Tina & Seconded by Mike adjourned

Next Meeting:

Graduate Council: October 9, 2026 (1:00 PM) – Atkinson 202

Adjournment**Graduate Council Meetings for 2026-2027**

August 28, 2026 – Atkinson 202

September 11, 2026 – Atkinson 202

October 9, 2026 – Atkinson 202

November 6, 2026 – Atkinson 202

January 15, 2027 – Atkinson 202

February 12, 2027 – Atkinson 202

March 5, 2027 – Atkinson 202

April 2, 2026 – Atkinson 202

Amended September Minutes

Edited Graduate Level Internal Dual Degree Policy was circulated to the council via email on 9/16. Additional edits were made 9/17. Newest draft was circulated via email and a vote to approve was called on 9/18. On 9/21, I received 11 votes to approve and 0 votes to not approve. The Graduate Level Internal Dual Degree Policy has been approved by Graduate Council.