Graduate Council Meeting Minutes
Friday, October 9, 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), Mary Dickens* (student rep.).
*non-voting
Additional: Cara Smith*, Kay Anderson*, Emily Stauber*, Lyndall Muschell*
Regrets: Tanya Goette, Cara Smith, Sandra Copeland
Absent:
Guests: Zandra Bell-McCroy, Kerry Evans, Rui Kang

Approval of Agenda *motion moved by Kristina Dandy and seconded by Mike Martino*

Approval of Minutes – September 11, 2026 (edited). *Motioned by Kristina Dandy and seconded by Mike Martino*

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

- Welcomed Mary Dickens as our student representative

Double Bobcats update

- Considered who owns Double Bobcats, the website is directing students to admissions instead of academic affairs. The website has been updated.
- New email: doublebobcats@gcsu.edu
    - This allows for more streamline communication with double bobcat questions & application process

Old Business: none.

- **Action Items**:

College of Arts & Sciences

- new:
    - MFA Full-time Status, MFA in Creative Writing Graduate Students (emailed proposal)
        - *Kerry Evans provided a brief overview*
        - *Motion to approve Mike Martino & seconded by Kristina Dandy*
    - Government and Sociology; deactivate Election Administration Graduate Certificate (Online) [proposal in MC, Modern Campus]
        - *Kristina Dandy provided proposal overview*
        - *Motion to approve by Mike Martino & seconded by Tina Holmes-Davis*

- *Lyndall Muschell his will need to go through USG*

- Music; Music Education M.A.T. (Online); Program Modification (proposal in MC)
  - *This proposal needs to be tabled*

College of Business & Technology

- None:
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College of Education:

- new:
  - *Doyin CokerKolo provided an overview of the MEd Instructional Technology & School Librarianship proposals*
  - Professional Learning and Innovation; New Program, MEd Instructional Technology Integration (proposal in MC)
    - *Kay Anderson: Is the proposal name common among the field of education? Is this concentration still optional?*
    - *Mike Martino: Can you clarify the certification aspect of the proposal regarding the T4 or bachelor's requirement?*
    - Mandy Jarriel: *Was there a discussion about demand or need for this program?*
    - *Motion to approve: Mike Martino & seconded by Kristina Dandy*
  - Professional Learning and Innovation; Instructional Technology M.Ed. (Online); Program Modification (proposal in MC)
    - *Motion to approve: Kristina Dandy & seconded by Mike Martino*
  - Professional Learning and Innovation; School Librarianship M.Ed. (Online); Program Modification (proposal in MC)
    - *This proposal needs clarification, so it's being tabled*
  - Teacher Education; Secondary Teacher Education M.A.T. (Online); Program Modification (proposal in MC)
    - *Rui Kang provided an overview*
    - *Motion to approve: Kristina Dandy & seconded by Mike Martino*

College of Health Sciences

- None:
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- **Information Items**:

Update from Each College:

- College of Arts & Sciences
  - Upcoming proposals for grad programs
  - Gray DI has been a great resource
- College of Business & Technology
  - N/A
- College of Education
  - Stakeholders meeting provided marketing feedback to help with grad recruitment
- College of Health Sciences
  - D&P Whitepaper was released
  - Leadership & Team Development proposal upcoming

Announcements/Discussion:

- The 2-week deadline is a hard deadline, so that way it can make it on to the agenda
- Gray DI: program score reports can be provided
- Keep an alert on the BOR graduate programs
- Graduate enrollment increase is a need and remains a priority
    - Graduate retention is also an issue
    - October 18-November 1: Grad application waiver

Next Meeting:
Graduate Council: November 6, 2026 (1:00 PM) – Atkinson 202

Adjournment

Motioned Mike Martino & seconded by Doyin

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