

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of February 16, 2026
Meeting Conducted via Teams

Call to Order

The Graduate Council met via Teams on February 16, 2026. The meeting convened at 3:31 pm, with Dr. John Hodges facilitating.

Members in attendance: Dr. Korinne Babel, Dr. Helen Coronel, Ms. Corrie Dalrymple, Dr. Wes Davenport, Dr. Ashton Glover, Dr. Erin Henthorn, Dr. John Hodges, Ms. Misty Jackman, Mr. Elliott Johnson, Dr. Lorie Johnson, Dr. Brittney Mitchell, Dr. Abdel Mohamed, Dr. Gary Padgett, Dr. John Parnell, Ms. Katie Roper, Dr. Randall Watts, Dr. Laura Williams

Members not in attendance: Dr. Doug Barrett, Ms. Courtney Dillard, Dr. Po Hu, Dr. Katie Kinney, Dr. Tera Kirkman, Ms. Hayden Thompson, Dr. Ryan Zayac

Guests: Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Doug Barrett), Dr. Carrie Crawford (Guest), Dr. Scott Lyons (Proxy for Dr. Katie Kinney), Dr. Michelle Nelson (Proxy for Dr. Tera Kirkman), Dr. Cheryl Price (Guest), Dr. Jessica Stovall (Proxy for Dr. Ryan Zayac)

AGENDA

1. Recognize Proxies- Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Doug Barrett), Dr. Scott Lyons (Proxy for Dr. Katie Kinney), Dr. Michelle Nelson (Proxy for Dr. Tera Kirkman), Dr. Jessica Stovall (Proxy for Dr. Ryan Zayac)
2. Approval of the Agenda- A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve the agenda. Dr. Coronel made a second and the motion passed.
3. Approval of the minutes from December 15, 2025 meeting- A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to approve the minutes. Dr. Glover made a second and the motion passed.
4. Report from the Graduate Advisory Council – Dr. Cheryl Price. Collection of information on the AMP Program is now complete. We are using that information to help streamline and clarify the AMP process, particularly in CASE where we have the most diversity. Next GAC meeting in March, we will be discussing conditional admission.
5. Report from the Office of Academic Affairs – Dr. Laura Williams- Announcements: Last day to nominate someone for the Distinguished Staff Employee of the Year award. IRB is finalizing some new submission software- more streamlined, user-friendly. Pilot test groups will roll out this spring. Summer 26 IRB will no longer be part of shared governance; it will report to the Provost and operate outside of that office. The Provost Fellows Program application is available and closes on March 13, 26.
6. Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Applications for: A motion was made by Dr. Glover to group together items f, g, and h non-terminal degrees and group together a-e and i-m terminal degrees. Dr. Padgett provided a second and the motion passed. A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve items f, g, and h. Dr. Padgett provided a

second and the motion passed. A motion was made by Dr. Cornnel to approve items a-e and i-m. Dr. Glover provided a second, and the motion passed.

- a. Erin Hager Henthorne- Interdisc and Prof Studies (CASE)
- b. Leonard Peterson- Politics, Justice, Law, and Philosophy (CASE)
- c. Kara Million- Biology (CASE)
- d. Kassie Hollabaugh- Biology (CASE)
- e. Katherine Hovanes- Biology (CASE)
- f. Elizabeth Alexander- Social Work (CASE)
- g. Sondra Landers- Social Work (CASE)
- h. Wesley Puckett- Social Work (CASE)
- i. Michael Delfin- Music (CASE)
- j. Audrey Bailey- Social Work (CASE)
- k. Stacy Lee- Social Work (CASE)
- l. April Viverette- Social Work (CASE)
- m. William Powell- Politics, Justice, Law, and Philosophy (CASE)

8. **College of Arts, Sciences, and Engineering**

Voting Items

- a. 234: Master of Arts Degree in History- A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to approve item a. Dr. Padgett made a second and the motion passed. Dr. Carrie Crawford was present to speak on behalf of History.

9. **Sanders College of Business and Technology**

No items present at this time

10. **Spencer College of Education and Human Sciences**

No items present at this time

11. **Anderson College of Nursing and Health Professions**

Information Items

- a. OT 500: Foundations and Frameworks for Advanced Occupational Therapy
- b. OT 501: Occupational Performance across the Lifespan
- c. OT 502: Advanced Clinical Pathophysiology for OT
- d. OT 503: Advanced Functional Anatomy (with Lab)
- e. OT 504: Neuroanatomy
- f. OT 505: OT for Neurological Conditions (with Lab)
- g. OT 506: Clinical Documentation and Reasoning in Occupational Therapy
- h. OT 507: OT for Pediatric Conditions (with Lab)
- i. OT 509: Research Methods in Occupational Therapy
- j. OT 510: OT for Mental Health Conditions (with lab)
- k. OT 511: Assistive Technology (with lab)
- l. OT 600: OT for Orthopedic Conditions (with lab)
- m. OT 601: Community-based and Specialized Practice

- n. OT 602: OT with the Older Adult (with lab)
- o. OT 603: Management in OT
- p. OT 605: Evidence-based Practice

12. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made at 3:48 pm by Dr. Glover. Dr. Padgett provided a second, and the motion passed.