

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of April 13, 2026
Meeting Conducted via Teams

Call to Order

The Graduate Council met via Teams on April 13, 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, Ms. Courtney Dillard, Dr. Ashton Glover, Dr. Erin Henthorne, Dr. John Hodges, Ms. Misty Jackman, Mr. Elliott Johnson, Dr. Lorie Johnson, Dr. Abdel Mohamed, Dr. John Parnell, Ms. Hayden Thompson, Dr. Gary Padgett, Mr. Randall Watts, Dr. Laura Williams

Members not in attendance: Dr. Doug Barrett, Dr. Po Hu, Dr. Katie Kinney, Dr. Tera Kirkman, Dr. Ryan Zayac, Dr. John Parnell, Ms. Katie Roper

Guests: Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Doug Barrett), Dr. Jean Ann Helm Allen (Proxy for Dr. Katie Kinney), Dr. Michelle Nelson (Proxy for Dr. Tera Kirkman), Dr. Jessica Stovall (Proxy for Dr. Ryan Zayac), Dr. Meghan Merciers, Dr. Cheryl Price, Dr. Brittney Mitchell, Dr. Md Abu Sayeed Shohag

AGENDA

1. Recognize Proxies- Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Doug Barrett), Dr. Jean Ann Helm Allen (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. Padgett to approve the agenda. Dr. Glover made a second and the motion passed.
3. Approval of the minutes from February 16, 2026, meeting- A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to approve the minutes. Dr. Padgett made a second and the motion passed.
4. Replacement for Vice Chair- No volunteers currently. Dr. Hodges will send another email requesting a replacement Vice Chair.
5. Projected 2026-2027 Graduate Council dates and time – Dr. John Hodges

Monday 3:30 pm: August 31, October 26, December 14, February 22, April 12, May 10
6. Report from the Graduate Advisory Council – Dr. Cheryl Price. At the February 16, 2026, meeting, there was a discussion of conditional admits. Each program has been able to set its own parameters for the conditional admits, and some graduate programs have used the option to conditionally admit students who didn't meet the minimum admissions requirements in the past. There has been a lack of support for the graduate coordinators, who have been entirely responsible for ensuring that conditional admits meet their required conditions. They are looking into whether the Registrar's office can

offer more support and potentially automate the process, similar to the automation of regular dismissals. Dr. Williams added that there is currently a discussion of the options, and if it can't be automated, there may be an option to have all the information in one place for faculty to view.

7. Report from the Office of Academic Affairs – Dr. Laura Williams - Announcements: Reminder that graduation is coming soon. Graduate students must be completing their theses or dissertations to register their work on the digital commons platform. Instructions with a video will be sent to the faculty in the Graduate Council, the associate deans, and the Graduate Advisory Council.
8. Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Applications for: A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to bundle items a-i terminal degrees. Dr. Padgett provided a second and the motion passed. A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve items a-i. Dr. Padgett provided a second and the motion passed.
 - a. Sabry Moustafa- Engineering and Industrial Professions (CASE)
 - b. Daniel Morgan- History (CASE)
 - c. Stephanie Makowski- History (CASE)
 - d. Laura Smith- Health professions (ACONHP)
 - e. Alyssa Ritenou- Health professions (ACONHP)
 - f. Dr. Leonard Troughton- Teaching, Learning, and Leadership (SCOEHS)
 - g. Jeffrey Brothers- Counselor Educations (SCOEHS)
 - h. Dr. Matthew Oglesby- Management and marketing (SCOBT)
 - i. Dr. Kyrel Buchanan- Management and Marketing (SCOBT)

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

Voting Items

- a. 371: Master of Science in Applied Manufacturing Engineering- A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to approve item a. Dr. Glover provided a second, and the motion passed. Dr. Shohag was present to give an explanation.

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

No items present at this time

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

Voting Items

- a. 285: Master of Arts in Education Alternative Plan, Secondary Education, P-12 English for speakers of other languages (ESOL), Music and Physical Education- Dr. Helm Allen was present to give an explanation. A motion was made by Dr. Padgett to approve item a. Dr. Glover provided a second, and the motion passed.

- b. 458: Master of Arts in Education Degree in Special Education Collaborative Teacher K-6 and/or 6-12- Advanced Path- Dr. Helm Allen was present to give an explanation. A motion was made by Dr. Padgett to approve item b. Dr. Glover provided a second, and the motion passed.
- c. 459: Master of Arts in Education Degree in Special Education Collaborative Teacher K-6 and/or 6-12- Initial Path- Dr. Helm Allen was present to give an explanation. A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve item c. Dr. Padgett provided a second, and the motion passed.
- d. 362: Master of Science in Sport and Recreation Management- Dr. Helm Allen was present to give an explanation. A motion was made by Dr. Padgett to approve item d. Dr. Coronel provided a second, and the motion passed.
- e. EED 516: Advanced Studies in Numbers and Operations in Elementary Education- Dr. Helm Allen was present to give an explanation. A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve item e. Dr. Padgett provided a second, and the motion passed.
- f. 510: Accelerated Master's Program in Instructional Technology & Design- Dr. Helm Allen was present to give an explanation. A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to approve item f. Dr. Glover provided a second, and the motion passed.

Information Items

- a. ECE 610: Reading and the Language Arts in Early Childhood Education
- b. EED 505: Evaluation and Remediation of Reading Problems
- c. ECE 506: Advanced Studies in Numbers and Operations in Early Childhood Education
- d. EEX 622: Autism and Developmental Disabilities
- e. EEX 635: Behavior Analysis
- f. EEX 678: Practicum in Area of Specialty

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

Information Items

- a. OT 508: Fieldwork Experience IA
- b. OT 512: Fieldwork Experience IB
- c. OT 604: Fieldwork Experience IC
- d. OT 606: Fieldwork Experience IIA
- e. OT 607: Fieldwork Experience IIB
- f. NU 650: Introduction to Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner

13. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made at 3:58pm by Dr. Padgett. Dr. Coronel provided a second, and the motion passed.