

Graduate Council Meeting
Minutes of the Meeting of May 11, 2026
Meeting Conducted via Teams

Call to Order

The Graduate Council met via Teams on May 11, 2026. The meeting convened at 3:32 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 Henthorne, Dr. John Hodges, Ms. Misty Jackman, Dr. Lorie Johnson, Dr. Abdel Mohamed, Dr. John Parnell, Ms. Hayden Thompson, Dr. Gary Padgett, Mr. Randall Watts

Members not in attendance: Dr. Doug Barrett, Ms. Courtney Dillard, Dr. Po Hu, Mr. Elliott Johnson, Dr. Katie Kinney, Dr. Tera Kirkman, Ms. Katie Roper, Dr. Laura Williams, Dr. Ryan Zayac

Guests: Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Doug Barrett), Dr. Felecia Harris (Proxy for Dr. Katie Kinney), Dr. Michelle Nelson (Proxy for Dr. Tera Kirkman), Dr. Sarah Franklin (Proxy for Dr. Laura Williams), Dr. Jessica Stovall (Proxy for Dr. Ryan Zayac), Dr. Cheryl Price, Dr. Chris Klein, Dr. Noe Aguado, Dr. Jason Price

AGENDA

1. Recognize Proxies- Dr. Jana Beaver (Proxy for Dr. Doug Barrett), Dr. Felecia Harris (Proxy for Dr. Katie Kinney), Dr. Jessica Stovall (Proxy for Dr. Ryan Zayac), Dr. Michelle Nelson (Proxy for Dr. Tera Kirkman), Dr. Sarah Franklin (Proxy for Dr. Laura Williams)
2. Approval of the Agenda- A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve the agenda. Dr. Padgett provided a second and the motion passed.
3. Approval of the minutes from April 14, 2026, meeting - A motion was made by Dr. Parnell to approve the minutes. Dr. Babel provided a second and the motion passed.
4. Report from the Graduate Advisory Council – Dr. Cheryl Price- Still discussing and working on how to manage conditional admit issues to make sure students aren't falling through the cracks.
5. Report from the Office of Academic Affairs – Dr. Sarah Franklin- No report- Expressed appreciation for a great year on behalf of Dr. Laura Williams.

6. 2026-2027 Graduate Council Chair – Dr. Helen Coronel
7. Consideration of the Graduate Faculty Applications for: A motion was made by Dr. Babel to approve item a; Dr. Glover provided a second and the motion passed. A proposal was made by Dr. Hodges to bundle items b-d terminal degrees. Dr. Padgett provided a motion to bundle. Dr. Coronel provided a second and the motion passed. Dr. Hodges requested a vote on items b-d terminal degrees and the vote passed.
 - a. Jasmine Reynolds – Counselor Education (SCOEHS)
 - b. Leah Keith – Nursing (Undergraduate) (ACONHP)
 - c. JaKobe Henry – Music (CASE)
 - d. Dr. Zack Jourdan – Computer Sci & Info Systems (SCOBT)

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

Voting Items

- a. 318: Master of Science Degree in Family and Community Services- A proposal was made by Dr. Stovall to bundle items a. from CASE and 9.b from SCOBT. Dr. Stovall and Dr. Klein were present to provide an explanation. Dr. Hodges put items a. from CASE and 9.b. from SCOBT to a vote, and the motion passed.
- b. CJ 611: Foundations of Public Administration- A proposal was made by Dr. Stovall to bundle items b and e. A motion was made by Dr. Padgett to approve the bundle and items b and e. Dr. Babel provided a second, and the motion passed.
- c. EN 501: Studies in Medieval Literature- A proposal was made by Dr. Stovall to bundle items c and d. A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to approve the bundle and items c and d and Dr. Glover provided a second, and the motion passed.
- d. EN 502: Studies in Renaissance Literature
- e. PS 611: Foundations of Public Administration

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

Voting Items

- a. 219: MBA – Accounting Concentration- A proposal was made by Dr. Beaver to bundle items a, c, d, e, and f. A motion was made by Dr. Padgett to approve the bundle. Dr. Davenport provided a second, and the motion passed. Dr. Beaver was present to provide an explanation. Dr. Hodges put items a, c, d, e, and f to a vote and the motion passed.
- b. 319: Joint Curriculum Two Degrees Program-MBA and MS in Family and Community Services- See CASE 8.a
- c. 321: Abrams and Associates Master of Accountancy (MAcc)

- d. 345: Executive MBA, MBA Executive Curriculum (Online and On-Campus)
- e. 347: MBA Degree
- f. 405: Micro-Credential in Information Systems
- g. CIS 622: Systems Analysis and Design- A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve item g. Dr. Davenport provided a second, and the motion passed. Dr. Beaver was present to provide an explanation.
- h. CIS 645: Database Management Systems- Dr. Beaver explained that items h, i, and k are all non-substantive as they are all pre-requisite changes. Dr. Hodges made note that they will be moved to information item a.
- i. CIS 660: Electronic Commerce- Dr. Beaver explained that items h, i, and k are all non-substantive as they are all pre-requisite changes. Dr. Hodges made note that they will be moved to information item b.
- j. CIS 670: Contemporary Information Systems and Digital Innovation- A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve item j. Dr. Coronel provided a second, and the motion passed. Dr. Beaver was present to provide an explanation.
- k. CIS 685: Data Communications Systems in the Global Economy- Dr. Beaver explained that items h, i, and k are all non-substantive as they are all pre-requisite changes. Dr. Hodges made note that they will be moved to information item c.

Information Items

- a. CIS 645: Database Management Systems
- b. CIS 660: Electronic Commerce
- c. CIS 685: Data Communications Systems in the Global Economy

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

Voting Items

- a. New name for academic center- A motion was made by Dr. Padgett to approve item a. Dr. Davenport provided a second, and the motion passed. Dr. Harris was present to provide an explanation.

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

Voting Items

- a. NU 650: Introduction to Psychiatric Mental Health Nurse Practitioner- A motion was made by Dr. Glover to approve item a. Dr. Babel provided a second, and the motion passed. Dr. Coronel was present to provide an explanation.

- b. NU 802: DNP II: Project Development- A proposal was made by Dr. Glover to bundle items b and c. A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to approve the bundle and items b and c. Dr. Davenport provided a second, and the motion passed.
 - c. NU 806: DNP IV: Project Evaluation- A proposal was made by Dr. Glover to bundle items b and c. A motion was made by Dr. Coronel to approve the bundle and items b and c. Dr. Davenport provided a second, and the motion passed.
12. Adjourn: A motion to adjourn was made at 4:01 pm by Dr. Padgett. Dr. Coronel provided a second, and the motion passed.