

**Graduate Council
Minutes
Wednesday, March 19, 2025
8:00 – 8:30 am - Teams**

Graduate Council Members attending: Jeff Williams, Mohamed Lotfy, Nicole Gearing, Jeffrey O’Flynn, Christine Walker, David McEntire, Malissa Brooks, Aliny Xavier, Laurie Sharp, Jim Bailey, Erik Koller

The Graduate Council Minutes for January 15, 2025 were approved.

The following Graduate Faculty were approved.

College of Science

David Fearnley-Full

Woodbury School of Business

Jacob Burdis-Professional

College of Health and Public Service

Merilee Larsen-Full

Smith College of Engineering and Technology

Ting Cao-Full

Curriculum

The following new course was approved:

College of Science

MATH 5010-Methods of Secondary School Mathematics

The following courses were tables because graduate studies had not received the program change proposal to add the courses:

School of Education – Reviewers: Nicole Gearing, Jeffrey O’Flynn

CGCL 6980-Masters Thesis Research

EDUC 6425-Contemporary Issues in Civics Education

Policies, Guidelines, and Processes

Policy 662 (formerly 524) was recommended by the Graduate Council to move forward in the policy process.

The Graduate Admissions Handbook Guidelines were discussed. Concern was expressed with the guideline process for admitting international students. The guidelines with proposed changes to this section will be reviewed at the next Graduate Council meeting.

The proposed addition to the Graduate Faculty Application Form to request how graduate professional applicants background align with the graduate courses they are teaching was discussed. No concerns were expressed with the proposed addition.

Jim Bailey's retirement was announced. Laurie Sharp stated that the Provost's office was considering some restructuring and requested Graduate Council members to provide ideas to her for graduate studies support moving forward.