

**Graduate Council
Agenda
November 19, 2025
Teams – 8:00 am – 9:00 am**

Approval of Graduate Council Minutes for October 22, 2025 (See document below)

- **Approved unanimously.**

New Members

- Bing Han – School of Education

Graduate Faculty: (See Teams Folder)

School of Education

None this month

Woodbury School of Business

None this month

Smith College of Engineering and Technology – Reviewers: Amy Stutzenberger

Saikat Das – Academic

Notes:

No concerns

Motion to approve?

Approved unanimously

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

None this month

College of Science - Reviewers: Mason Snow

Alan Perry – Academic

- **All applications listed above were approved unanimously.**

New Business

- Policy 655 Section 4.2 - Academic Graduate Faculty Standards
 - A draft of university wide faculty standards has been created.
 - In addition to review by this committee, the draft has also been sent to all school/college deans for comment.
 - Discussion included:
 - School/College level standards, and their connection with drafted university standards.
 - The incorporation of a continuing record of scholarship for faculty.

- The removal of a defined clinical faculty status, in consultation with clinical programs.
 - As outlined in a point below, this draft was approved unanimously for advancement to Deputy Provost review.
 - If approved by the Deputy Provost, these drafted standards will serve as the base standard for graduate faculty.
- Policy 655 Section 4.3 - Professional Graduate Faculty Standards
 - After further discussion related to this policy and drafted faculty standards, the committee voted unanimously to approve these drafted standards and advance them to the Deputy Provost for review.
- 5000-level courses Guidelines Update
 - The previously proposed guidelines for 5000-level courses were reviewed following feedback received from relevant stakeholders.
 - After extensive discussion, the committee voted unanimously to all school/college deans for feedback, with the understanding that Steven will meet with representatives from departments most affected by these guidelines to obtain feedback from them.
- Policy 661, 655, 658 Policy Subcommittee Volunteers
 - Volunteers are needed to serve on sub-committees related to the refinement of these policies.
 - After discussion, Steven asked that committee members notify him by 11/21/2025 of interest in serving on the sub-committees.

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Approval of Graduate Council Minutes for September 24, 2025 (See page 3 of this document for minutes to be approved)

- **Approved unanimously.**

Graduate Faculty: (See Teams Folder)

School of Education - Reviewers: Steven Sylvester
Chris Goslin – Full

- **Approved**

Woodbury School of Business
None this month

Smith College of Engineering and Technology – Reviewers: Jeffrey O’Flynn and Malisa Brooks
Aaron R. Stewart – Full
Anne Arendt – Full
Paul Alin – Full
Tyson Riskas – Full

- **Approved:**
 - o Anne Arendt – Full
 - o Paul Alin – Full
 - o Tyson Riskas - Full
- **Denied:**
 - o Aaron R. Stewart - Full

College of Humanities and Social Sciences
None this month

Policy Updates

- Policy 662
 - o Steven Sylvester is working with campus stakeholders to receive feedback on these updates.

New Business

- Policy 655 Section 4.2 - Academic Graduate Faculty Standards
- Graduate Faculty Application Update
 - o The council discussed proposed changes to the Graduate Faculty Application.
 - o Three levels of Graduate Faculty: Full, Associate, & Clinical.

- ♣ Clarification is needed on the necessity and current use of the Clinical distinction.
 - ♣ Steven Sylvester will work with Clinical programs to determine the best way to address their faculty needs.
- o Adherence to established School/College and UVU graduate faculty standards was stressed.
- o The Council voted unanimously to approve the use of the new application, with the understanding that it may be updated in the future to better ensure consistency in submissions.
- 5000-level courses
 - o Per recent USHE policy changes/updates, 5000-level courses may be used to meet graduation requirements.
 - o Guidelines for the application of this policy at UVU have been drafted and were reviewed by the Council.
 - o Feedback from campus stakeholders, such as Graduate Program Directors, the Registrar, Provost, etc., is currently being obtained in addition to that from the council.
 - ♣ These guidelines will be updated based on stakeholder feedback.
 - ♣ These guidelines are expected to be implemented during the Fall 2027 (202740) curriculum cycle.
- CET Course Request
 - o Tabled.