

## Minutes of the First Meeting of the Graduate Council For 2025

January 14, 2025

Next Meeting: February 4, 2024 (2:00-3:30 PM)

### Participating Members of the Council and Retirement Dates:

George Flowers (Dean), Maria Witte (Associate Dean), Brandi Long (Assistant to Dean), Matthew Hoch (2026), Bryan Beckingham (2026), Brian Via (2026), Nedret Billor (2026), Stephen Erath (2026), Ya-Xiong Tao (2027), Valentina Hartarska (2027), Jeff Kim (2027), Reginald Blockett (2027), Kasia Leousis (2027), Rachel Sweeney (2025), Jitka Hilliard (2025), Forrest Smith (2025), Esther Akinrinde (GSC).

**Approved Minutes:** December 3, 2024

### New Business:

- None.

### Old Business:

### Credentials committee recommendations for graduate faculty appointments and reappointments:

- The Graduate Credentials Committee approved without opposition a revised Graduate Faculty Criteria for the College of Forestry, Wildlife, and Environment.

The revised criteria has been posted to the Graduate Faculty Criteria website at [Graduate Faculty Criteria – Graduate School](#)

- The Graduate Credentials Committee approved without opposition the following appointments and reappointments:

| No. | Name           | Title                       | Department Name                                          | Reviewing Class | Apt. Type           |
|-----|----------------|-----------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 1   | Li An          | Professor                   | Forestry and Wildlife Sciences                           | 2               | Initial Appointment |
| 2   | Myoung Chon    | Associate Professor         | Communication and Journalism                             | 1               | ReAppointment       |
| 3   | Eliana DuBosar | Assistant Professor         | Communication and Journalism                             | 1               | Initial Appointment |
| 4   | Sara Ellison   | Adjunct Assistant Professor | Special Education, Rehabilitation, and Counseling (SERC) | 1               | Initial Appointment |
| 5   | Travis Evans   | Associate Professor         | Psychological Sciences                                   | 2               | Initial Appointment |

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| 6  | John Falligant          | Assistant Professor           | Psychological Sciences                    | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 7  | Effat Farhana           | Assistant Professor           | Computer Science and Software Engineering | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 8  | Etienne Fluet-Chouinard | Affiliate Professor           | Forestry and Wildlife Sciences            | 0 | Initial Appointment |
| 9  | Ali Ghanbari            | Assistant Professor           | Computer Science and Software Engineering | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 10 | Samantha James          | Assistant Professor           | Communication and Journalism              | 1 | Initial Appointment |
| 11 | Alisha Jones            | Associate Professor           | Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences    | 2 | ReAppointment       |
| 12 | Benjamin LaFrentz       | Affiliate Assistant Professor | Fisheries and Allied Aquacultures         | 1 | ReAppointment       |
| 13 | Yan Li                  | Assistant Professor           | Mathematics and Statistics                | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 14 | Haoran Li               | Assistant Professor           | Mathematics and Statistics                | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 15 | Daniela Marghitu        | Director                      | Computer Science and Software Engineering | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 16 | Tao Shu                 | Associate Professor           | Computer Science and Software Engineering | 2 | ReAppointment       |
| 17 | Jennifer Somers         | Assistant Professor           | Psychological Sciences                    | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 18 | Jessica Sparks          | Assistant Professor           | Communication and Journalism              | 1 | Initial Appointment |
| 19 | Jakita Thomas           | Associate Professor           | Computer Science and Software Engineering | 2 | ReAppointment       |
| 20 | Yazhou Tu               | Assistant Professor           | Computer Science and Software Engineering | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 21 | Michail Vafeiadis       | Assistant Professor           | Communication and Journalism              | 1 | ReAppointment       |
| 22 | Zachary Walsh           | Assistant Professor           | Mathematics and Statistics                | 1 | Initial Appointment |
| 23 | Norman Youngblood       | Professor                     | Communication and Journalism              | 1 | ReAppointment       |
| 24 | Yuming Zhang            | Assistant Professor           | Mathematics and Statistics                | 2 | Initial Appointment |

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| 25 | Yimin Zhong | Assistant Professor | Mathematics and Statistics | 2 | Initial Appointment |
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**Curriculum committee recommendations for program/course proposal and modifications:**

- The Graduate Council approved without opposition the following curricular items:

| Code      | GCCC Agenda                                                            | College | Type of Change      |
|-----------|------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------|---------------------|
| BUAL 6850 | <a href="#">Foundations of Sports Analytics</a>                        | HCOB    | New Course          |
| BUAL 7000 | <a href="#">Introduction to Artificial Intelligence</a>                | HCOB    | New Course          |
| BUSI 7160 | <a href="#">Advanced Professional Development</a>                      | HCOB    | Course Revision     |
| CADS 6790 | <a href="#">Grantmaking for Philanthropists</a>                        | CHS     | New Course          |
| CSES 7100 | <a href="#">Aginformatics: Computational Thinking for Agriculture</a>  | COAG    | New Course          |
| FINC 6250 | <a href="#">Real Estate Finance</a>                                    | HCOB    | Course Revision     |
| FINC 6260 | <a href="#">Real Estate Investment</a>                                 | HCOB    | Course Revision     |
| FLFR 7010 | <a href="#">Advanced Contemporary Culture &amp; Politics</a>           | COLA    | Course Revision     |
| FLFR 7020 | <a href="#">Advanced Applied French Skills</a>                         | COLA    | Course Revision     |
| HDFS 8040 | <a href="#">Longitudinal Data Analysis</a>                             | CHS     | Course Reactivation |
| HIST 7380 | <a href="#">The Global Cold War</a>                                    | COLA    | New Course          |
| HIST 7470 | <a href="#">Seminar in Fascism</a>                                     | COLA    | Course Reactivation |
| HIST 7760 | <a href="#">Practicum in Public Digital Humanities</a>                 | COLA    | Course Reactivation |
|           |                                                                        |         |                     |
| HIST 7770 | <a href="#">Practicum in Museum Studies</a>                            | COLA    | Course Reactivation |
| HOSP 7060 | <a href="#">Human Resource Management in Hospitality Organizations</a> | CHS     | New Course          |
| MNGT 6970 | <a href="#">Special Topics in Management</a>                           | HCOB    | New Course          |
| NTRI 7620 | <a href="#">Sports and Performance Nutrition</a>                       | CHS     | Course Revision     |
| NURS 7100 | <a href="#">Foundations of Rural Health</a>                            | CON     | Course Revision     |
| NURS 7200 | <a href="#">Population Health in Rural Communities</a>                 | CON     | Course Revision     |

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| NURS 7300 | Rural Health Community Immersion and Project                           | CON   | Course Revision      |
| POLI 6160 | Resiliency for Public and Nonprofit Institutions: Concepts and Methods | COLA  | New Course           |
| SCMH 6010 | Clinical Applications I                                                | COSAM | New Course           |
| SCMH 6020 | Clinical Applications II                                               | COSAM | New Course           |
| SCMN 8150 | Doctoral Seminar on Current Topics in SCM Research                     | HCOB  | New Course           |
| SCMN 8250 | LSCM Interorganizational Theory Seminar                                | HCOB  | New Course           |
| SCMN 8350 | Empirical Methods in Supply Management Research                        | HCOB  | New Course           |
| SCMN 8450 | History of Supply Chain Management & Operations Research               | HCOB  | New Course           |
| SLHS 7880 | Special Populations in SLHS                                            | COLA  | New Course           |
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| SLHS-MS   | MS Speech, Language and Hearing Sciences                               | COLA  | Program Revision     |
| TBD-GCRT  | Rural Health Graduate Certificate                                      | CON   | New Certificate      |
| TCOM-GCRT | Technical Communication                                                | COLA  | Certificate Revision |

**Other Items:**

- **None.**

**Adjourn**

**Schedule for next meetings:** February 4, March 4 (in-person), April 1, May 6, June 3, July 1, August 5, September 2 (in-person), October 7, November 4, and December 2.