

## MINUTES OF THE SECOND MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL FOR 2025

February 4, 2025

Next Meeting: March 4, 2025 (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:** January 14, 2025

### NEW BUSINESS:

- None.

### OLD BUSINESS:

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

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

| <u>No.</u> | <u>Name</u>         | <u>Title</u>        | <u>Department Name</u>               | <u>Reviewing Class</u> | <u>Apt. Type</u>    |
|------------|---------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------|
| 1          | Steve Duke          | Associate Professor | Chemical Engineering                 | 2                      | ReAppointment       |
| 2          | Michelle Gibbs      | Assistant Professor | Biological Sciences                  | 1                      | Initial Appointment |
| 3          | Peter He            | Associate Professor | Chemical Engineering                 | 2                      | ReAppointment       |
| 4          | August Jenkins      | Assistant Professor | Human Development and Family Studies | 1                      | Initial Appointment |
| 5          | Amal Kaddoumi       | Professor           | Drug Discovery and Development       | 2                      | ReAppointment       |
| 6          | Amal Kaddoumi       | Assistant Professor | Drug Discovery and Development       | 2                      | ReAppointment       |
| 7          | Jillian Maxcy-Brown | Assistant Professor | Civil Engineering                    | 2                      | Initial Appointment |
| 8          | Amit Mitra          | Assistant Professor | Drug Discovery and Development       | 2                      | Initial Appointment |

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| 9  | Gabrielle Pfund         | Assistant Professor | Human Development and Family Studies | 1 | Initial Appointment |
| 10 | Nila Shakiba            | Assistant Professor | Human Development and Family Studies | 1 | Initial Appointment |
| 11 | Missie Smith            | Assistant Professor | Industrial and Systems Engineering   | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 12 | Rodney Tollerson        | Assistant Professor | Biological Sciences                  | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 13 | Adriana Vargas-Nordbeck | Assistant Professor | Civil Engineering                    | 2 | ReAppointment       |
| 14 | Rongxuan Wang           | Assistant Professor | Industrial and Systems Engineering   | 2 | Initial Appointment |
| 15 | Christian Zamiela       | Assistant Professor | Industrial and Systems Engineering   | 1 | Initial Appointment |

**Curriculum Committee recommendations for program/course proposals and modifications:**

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

| <b><u>Program/Course Code</u></b> | <b><u>GCCC Agenda</u></b>                                                | <b><u>College</u></b> | <b><u>Type of Change</u></b> |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|
| ADED 7650                         | <u>Teaching Diverse Populations in Adult Education</u>                   | COE                   | Course Revision              |
| BATM 6150                         | <u>Drone Technologies in Agricultural and Biological Systems</u>         | COAG                  | New Course                   |
| FORY 6360                         | <u>Consulting Forestry</u>                                               | COFWE                 | New Course                   |
| FORY 6480                         | <u>GIS Database Design and Analysis</u>                                  | COFWE                 | Course Revision              |
| FORY 6820                         | <u>Forestry in the Private Sector</u>                                    | COFWE                 | New Course                   |
| FOWS 6210                         | <u>Restoration Ecology</u>                                               | COFWE                 | Course Renumber              |
| FOWS 6230                         | <u>Forest Stand Dynamics</u>                                             | COFWE                 | Course Renumber              |
| FOWS 6240                         | <u>Fire Ecology</u>                                                      | COFWE                 | Course Renumber              |
| FOWS 6250                         | <u>Longleaf Pine Ecology, Management, and Restoration</u>                | COFWE                 | Course Renumber              |
| PARK 6250                         | <u>Access and Participation in Parks and Recreation</u>                  | COFWE                 | New Course                   |
| SLHS 7890                         | <u>Counseling</u>                                                        | COLA                  | New Course                   |
| VBMS 7120                         | <u>Practical Flow Cytometry and Cell Sorting in Research Application</u> | VETMED                | New Course                   |
| VBMS 7860                         | <u>Special Topics in Comparative Ophthalmology</u>                       | VETMED                | Course Revision              |

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| WILD 7450 | <u>Tools and Challenges for the Modern Scientist</u>          | COFWE | New Course           |
| WILD 7870 | <u>Spatial Ecology</u>                                        | COFWE | New Course           |
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| BATM-MS   | <u>M.S. Biological and Agricultural Technology Management</u> | COAG  | New Program          |
| RECL-GCRT | <u>Restoration Ecology</u>                                    | COFWE | Certificate Revision |
| BUAL-GCRT | <u>Business Analytics and AI</u>                              | HCOB  | Certificate Revision |
| TBD-GCRT  | <u>Marketing</u>                                              | HCOB  | New Certificate      |

#### OTHER ITEMS:

- None

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**Schedule for next meetings:** 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.