

College of Education (COE) Graduate Programs Committee (GPC) Meeting Minutes

March 4, 2026

Call to order: The COE-GPC meeting was called to order via Zoom Videoconferencing at 1:00 pm on March 4, 2026.

In Attendance:, Maysaa Barakat (ELRM), Sharon Darling (DSE), Lisa Finnegan (DSE), Bryan Nichols (DCI), Deborah Shepherd (Dean's Representative), Lilyanna Zmijak (CSD), Jennifer Rogers (CE), Katie Friesen (ELRM), Christy Timm Fulkerson (CSD), Melissa Antonelli (CI), Hannah Bowers Parker (CE)

Roll Call and Convening Announcements.

Minutes Approval. The previous minutes were reviewed and approved by a vote.

Administrative Matters: Quorum confirmed

Curriculum Review: Motion (& second) to accept recommendations made by Dr. Finnegan (Curriculum Subcommittee Chair). Motion passed by unanimous vote.

1. Counselor Ed – Curriculum changes – Approved
 - a. Requested catalog changes to align with Ed Vision program requirements
2. Curriculum and Instruction – Ed Specialist - Tabled
 - a. Questions about credit transfer policies and catalog language
 - b. Questions about whether the student would drop the PhD program and complete the Ed.S. program – separate plan of study

Student Petitions: four petitions reviewed from two departments; four approved.

Motion (& second) to accept recommendations made by Dr. Darling (Petitions Subcommittee Chair). Motion passed by unanimous vote.

GPC Petition Subcommittee reviewed four petitions from two departments.

1. Curriculum and Instruction – Two petitions: one to waive continuous enrollment, one to waive recency of credits. The Subcommittee recommended approval of both.
2. Educational Leadership and Research Methodology – Two petitions to waive recency of credit. The Subcommittee recommended approval of both.

The subcommittee recommended approval of all four petitions. The GPC voted to accept the Subcommittee's recommendations.

Other Business:

1. Senate – developing a timeline for curriculum changes to streamline the process
 - i. No more details about the cause or further information about a new process.

2. April – last meeting for COE graduate programs committee

Adjourn: Meeting adjourned at 1:16 pm.