### **September 30, 2025**

University Graduate Programs Committee & University Graduate Council

Minutes Time: 2:00pm Via Zoom

**Attendees:** Art Sementelli - Chair, James Wainberg, Raquel Assis, Lisa Finnegan, Dani Groton, Lynne Palma, Patricia Fiorillo, Beth King, Marianne Porter, Eric Berlatsky, Masoud Jahandar Lashaki, Audri Pabustan

**Guests:** Robert Stackman, Cristobal Salinas, Stephen Steppe, Angela Adriatico, Maria Jennings, Michelle Vaughan-McGovern, Anita Pennathur, Robin Larson, Zhixiao Xie, William Luther, Adrian Finucane, Victor Kharlamov, Tamara Dinev

Absent: Ajay Bommareddy (ENG, UGC), Ceylan Isgor (GPC, MED), Lincoln Sloas (SWCJ, UGC)

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Dr. Sementelli (UGPC Chair).
- 2) Minutes from the Sept 2, 2025 meetings were reviewed and then unanimously approved.
- 3) Curriculum proposals were reviewed by UGPC.
- 4) UGPC meeting adjourned at 4:30pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair.
- 5) UGC called to order at 4:30pm. Slate of GPC items approved at 4:31pm.
- 6) UGC meeting adjourned at 4:31pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair.

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Action	Forward (to UFS) agenda				
Reviewers by College: Education, Engineering & Computer Science								
Program Change	Master of Arts in History	Arts & Letters	А	Consent				
Program Change	Graduate Certificate – Public Policy	Arts & Letters	А	Consent				
New Course Proposal	LIN 6137 Typology	Arts & Letters	А	Consent				
New Course Proposal	IDS 5806 Graduate Arts & Performance Entrepreneurship	Arts & Letters	Aa	Consent				
New Course Proposal	IDS 6807 Graduate Arts & Performance Entrepreneurship 2	Arts & Letters	Aa	Consent				
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science								
Program Change	MBA in Sport Management	Business	Aa	Consent				
New Course Proposal	SPB 6706 Sport Analytics	Business	Aa	Consent				
Course Change	SPB 6815 Managing the Sport Enterprise	Business	Aa	Consent				
Program Change	MBA – Concentration in Artificial Intelligence	Business	А	Consent				
New Course Proposal	ECO 6445 Al and Machine Learning for Economics and Business Decision-Making	Business	А	Consent				
New Course Proposal	FIN 6596 Machine Learning and Artificial Intelligence Applications in Finance	Business	А	Consent				
Program Change	MBA in Marketing	Business	А	Consent				
New Course Proposal	MAR 6746 Artificial Intelligence and Marketing – A Behavioral Science Perspective	Business	Α	Consent				
Course Change	MAR 6838 Strategic Brand Management	Business	Aa	Consent				

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Program Change	Executive Ph.D. in Business Administration	Business	Α	Action				
New Course Proposal	MAN 7918 Summer Paper	Business	А	Action				
	Reviewers by College: Engineering & Compute	r Science, Business						
New Combined  Degree Program	Bachelor of Arts Elementary Education to Master of Education – Elementary Education (4+1)	Education	А	Action				
Program Change	Master of Education (M.Ed.) – Higher Education Leadership Concentration	Education	Aa	Consent				
Program Change	Ph.D. in Educational Leadership – School Leaders (K-12) Concentration	Education	Aa	Action				
Program Change	Ph.D. in Educational Leadership – School Leaders (K-12) Concentration – Specialist	Education	Tabled	n/a				
New Course Proposal	SPA 6057 Interprofessional Practice in Healthcare and Education for Speech-Language	Education	А	Consent				
Program Change	Master of Science Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology	Education	Aa	Consent				
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science								
New Course Proposal	BME 5521 BioSignal Processing	Engineering	Aa	Consent				
New Course Proposal	COT 6432 Parallel Computing	Engineering	Aa	Consent				
New Program	Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine	Engineering & Medicine	А	Action				
Reviewers by College: Nursing								
	Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Medicine (See above)	Medicine						
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Medicine/Biomedical Science								
	None	Nursing						
	Reviewers by College: SWCJ, Medicine/Biomedical Science							
	Cyber Security Graduate Certificate -			Consent				
Program Change	Math Track	Science	Α	Consent				
Program Change  New Program	I	Science	A	Consent				
	Math Track Graduate Certificate - Data Science for							
New Program	Math Track Graduate Certificate - Data Science for Mathematics Educators Graduate Certificate – Integrating Technology in	Science	A	Consent				

<u>New Course</u> <u>Proposal</u>	MAD 6515 Mathematical Foundations of Post- Quantum Cryptography	Science	А	Consent				
New Course Proposal	PCB 6047 Recent Advances in Ecology and Evolution	Science	А	Consent				
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Education								
	None	Social Work & Criminal Justice						
	Additional Items							
Stephen Steppe, Director, Admissions & Enroll. Managem't	Proposed changes to the Form 16	Graduate College	Tabled	n/a				
Cristobal Salinas, Associate Dean	Updates and reminders	Graduate College						

#### a. Arts & Letters

- a. Program change request from MA in History: Drop the language requirement.
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved
- b. Program change request from Certificate in Public Policy: Make available to non-degree seeking students.
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved
- c. New Course Proposal: LIN 6137 Typology.
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved
- d. Motion and second to bundle: New Course Proposals: IDS 5806 and IDS 6807 Graduate Arts & Performance: Entrepreneurship 1 and 2.
  - i. Bundle motion approved.
  - ii. Initially tabled, but GPC returned to this bundle at 3:00PM
  - iii. Motion and second to approve as amended: needs description
  - iv. Approved as amended

#### b. Business

- **a.** Program change request from MBA in Sport Management: increase analytical course content; add new course.
  - **i.** Motion and second to approve as amended: needs a table indicating how workload is to be adjusted when changing from a 3-credit course to a 2-credit course.
  - ii. Approved as amended.
- **b.** Motion and second to bundle: New Course Proposal: SPB 7606 Sport Analytics & SPB 6815 Managing the Sport Enterprise
  - i. Bundle motion approved.

- ii. Motion and second to approve as amended: *update textbook information, remove "and so on" from course description*
- iii. Approved as amended
- c. Motion and second to bundle: Program change request from: MBA Al Concentration, with New Course Proposals: ECO 6445 Al and Machine Learning for Economics & Bus. Decision-Making & FIN 6596 Machine Learning and Al Applications in Finance.
  - i. Bundle motion approved.
  - ii. Motion and second to approve as a bundle
  - iii. Approved as is
- **d.** Motion and second to bundle: Program change request from MBA in Marketing: adding two new electives, and the New Course Proposal: MAR 6746 AI & Marketing and Course change request for: MAR 6838 Strategic Brand Management.
  - i. Bundle motion approved.
  - ii. Motion and second to approve as amended: course change form for MAR 6838 was incomplete
  - iii. Approved as amended
- **e.** Motion and second to bundle: Program change request from Executive Ph.D. in Bus. Administration and New Course Proposal: MAN 7918 Summer Paper
  - i. Bundle motion approved.
  - ii. Motion and second to approve as a bundle
  - iii. Approved as is

#### c. Education (3:02 PM)

- **a.** New Combined Degree Program request: B.A. Elementary Education to M.Ed. Elementary Education (4+1)
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- **b.** Program Change request from M. Ed. Higher Education Leadership: updating catalog language, courses applicable
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- **c.** Program Change request from Ph.D. in Educ. Leadership School Leaders (K-12) concentration: add course, update catalog language.
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as amended: needs curriculum markup language.
  - ii. Approved as amended.
- **d.** Program Change request from Ph.D. in Educ. Leadership School Leaders (K-12) concentration: proposing option specialist degree along the way. Needs better definition of the number of unique credits beyond the master's that would count as the specialist degree and for the Ph.D. Confirm accreditation requirements.
  - i. Motion to table.
  - ii. Tabled.
- e. New Course Proposal: SPA 6057 Interprofessional Practice in Healthcare & Education for Speech-Language Pathologists
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- **f.** Program Change request from M.S. in Speech-Language Pathology/Audiology: omitting a course, adding an elective (the SPA 6057 above)
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as amended: Needs catalog markup language
  - ii. Approved as amended.

### d. Engineering

a. New Course Proposal: BME 5521 BioSignal Processing (table previously for lack of support letters)

- i. Motion and second to approve, as amended: Course description on form & syllabus must match
- ii. Approved as amended.
- b. New Course Proposal: COT 6432 Parallel Computing
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as amended: Course description on form & syllabus must match
  - ii. Approved as amended.

# e. Engineering & Medicine

- a. New Program proposed: Certificate in Al in Medicine
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is

# f. Science (3:42 PM)

- a. Program change request for: Certificate in Cyber Security Math Track: adding courses
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- b. New Course proposed: MAD 6515 Mathematical Foundations of Post-Quantum Cryptography
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- c. New Program proposed: Certificate in Data Science for Math Educators
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- d. New Program proposed: Certificate in Integrating Technology in the Math Classroom
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- e. New Program proposed: Certificate in Teaching Geometry
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- f. New Course proposed: MAP 6113 Mathematics for Al
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is
- g. New Course proposed: PCB 6047 Recent Adv in Ecology & Evolution
  - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
  - ii. Approved as is

# g. Other Business - Graduate College

- **a.** Stephen Steppe (Director of Graduate Admissions) presented a revision of the Form 16 (Change of degree program) discussed. Further edits suggested.
- b. Cristobal Salinas (Associate Dean) discussed degree requirements for specialist degree programs, policies regarding course transfers limits on the # of credits taking as a non-degree seeking student that can be transferred into a master's or doctoral program
- h. UGPC adjourned; UGC convened at 4:30 PM
- i. UGC approved the slate of UGPC items
- j. No new business for the good of UGC
- k. UGC adjourned at 4:31 PM