

**January 20, 2026**  
University Graduate Programs Committee & University Graduate Council  
Minutes

**Attendees:** Art Cementelli – Chair, Marc Kantorow, Lisa Finnegan, Danielle Groton, Raquel Assis, Beth King, Patricia Fiorillo, Marianne Porter, Lynn Palma, Ajay Bommareddy, Eric Berlatsky, Masoud Jahand Lashaki, Audri Pabustan

**Guests:** Bob Stackman, Cristobal Salinas, Maria Jennings, Robert Pinsker, Neeraj Puro, Zhixiao Xie, Viktor Kharlamov, Jarrod Burton, Angela Adriatico

**Absent:** Lincoln Sloas, Deenah Ilaria

- 1) Meeting was called to order at 2:02pm by Dr. Cementelli, Chair.
- 2) Minutes from the GPC/UGC meeting held on November 18, 2025, were unanimously approved.
- 3) Curricula items submitted for review and approval by GPC.
- 4) GPC meeting adjourned at 3:09pm by Dr. Cementelli, Chair.
- 5) UGC called to order at 3:10pm by Dr. Cementelli, Chair.
- 6) Curricula slate approved by UGC.
- 7) Discussion of other business.
- 8) UGC meeting adjourned at 3:12pm by Dr. Cementelli, Chair.

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Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Action	Forward (to UFS) agenda
<b>Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science</b>				
	None	Engineering		
<b>Reviewers by College: Education, Engineering &amp; Computer Science</b>				
<a href="#"><u>New Course Proposal</u></a>	LIN 6608	Arts & Letters	A	Consent
<a href="#"><u>Program Change</u></a>	MA in Languages, Linguistics & Comparative Literature	Arts & Letters	A	Consent
<a href="#"><u>Program Change</u></a>	MFA Concentration Graphic Design	Arts & Letters	A	Consent
<b>Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science</b>				
<a href="#"><u>New Course Proposal</u></a>	Quality Management in Healthcare 6385	Business	Aa	Consent
<a href="#"><u>New Course Proposal</u></a>	HSA Health Management Capstone 6856	Business	A	Consent
<a href="#"><u>Program Change</u></a>	Masters of Health Administration (MHA) BHS+1	Business	A	Consent
<a href="#"><u>Program Change</u></a>	Masters of Health Administration (MHA) Combined Curriculum	Business	A	Consent
<a href="#"><u>Course Change</u></a>	ACG5205 Advanced Accounting 1	Business	A	Consent
<a href="#"><u>Course Change</u></a>	ACG5647 Auditing and Assurance Service 2	Business	A	Consent
<a href="#"><u>Program Change</u></a>	Master of Accounting	Business	A	Consent
<a href="#"><u>New Combined Degree Program</u></a>	BBA / BS Accounting to MAC	Business	Aa	Action

**Key for Action:** **A**, approved; **Aa** approved as amended

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<u>Program Change</u>	Master of Accounting – Master of Taxation	Business	A	Consent
<b>Reviewers by College: Engineering &amp; Computer Science, Business</b>				
	None	Education		
<b>Reviewers by College: Nursing</b>				
	None	Medicine		
<b>Reviewers by College: Arts &amp; Letters, Medicine/Biomedical Science</b>				
	None	Nursing		
<b>Reviewers by College: SWCJ, Medicine/Biomedical Science</b>				
<u>Course Change</u>	URP 6920	Science	A	Consent
<u>Course Change</u>	URP 6979	Science	A	Consent
<u>New Course Proposal</u>	CHM 6305	Science	Aa	Consent
<b>Reviewers by College: Arts &amp; Letters, Education</b>				
	None	Social Work & Criminal Justice		
<b>Reviewers: GPC Members</b>				
<u>Program Change</u>	Annual Inactive Course Review	Registrar's Office	A	Action
	<b>Additional Items</b>			
Deenah Ilaria, Director	Update	GPSA	Absent	n/a

**Key for Action: A**, approved; **Aa** approved as amended

**A. Engineering – none**

**B. Arts & Letters**

1. New Course Proposal request: LIN 6608
  - a. Motion and second to approve, as is
  - b. Approved
2. Program Change request: MA in Languages, Linguistics & Comparative Literature
  - a. Motion and second to approve, as is
  - b. Approved
3. Program Change request: MFA Concentration Graphic Design
  - a. Motion and second to approve, as is
  - b. Approved

**C. Business**

1. New Course Proposal request: Quality Management in Healthcare 6385
  - a. Motion and second to approve as amended: *with added email support*
  - b. Approved as amended
2. New Course Proposal request: HSA Health Management Capstone 6856
  - a. Motion and second to approve, as is
  - b. Approved
3. Program Change request: Masters of Health Administration (MHA) BHS+1
  - a. Motion and second to approve, as is
  - b. Approved
4. Program Change request: Masters of Health Administration (MHA) Combined Curriculum
  - a. Motion and second to approve, as is
  - b. Approved
5. Motion and second to bundle: Course Change request: ACG5205 Advanced Accounting 1 and ACG5647 Auditing and Assurance Service 2
  - a. Bundle motion approved
  - b. Motion and second to approve bundle, as is
  - c. Approved
6. Program Change request: Masters of Accounting
  - a. Motion and second to approve, as is
  - b. Approved
7. New Combined Degree Program request: BBA / BS Accounting MAC
  - a. Motion and second to approve as amended: *change course list titles to Advanced Accounting Topics and Auditing and Assurance Service Topics*
  - b. Approved as amended

**D. Education – none**

**E. Medicine – none**

**F. Nursing** – none

**G. Science**

1. Motion and second to Bundle: Course Change request: URP 6920 and URP 6979
  - a. Bundle motion approved
  - b. Motion and second to approved bundle, as is
  - c. Approved
2. New Course Proposal request: CHM6305
  - a. Motion and second to approve as amended: *update course description and include email support*
  - b. Approved as amended

**H. Social Work & Criminal Justice** – none

**I. Registrar's Office**

1. Program Change request
  - a. Motion and second to approve, as is
  - b. Approved

**J. Other Business – Graduate College**

- a. Jarrod Burton (Interim Director of Graduate Admissions) FYI regarding new TOEFL scoring system – no longer a 2 digit number. The new format will be 4.5 which is comparable to the old scores.  
Nothing changes, EXCEPT the format of the numbers
- b. Art Sementelli mentioned that EdVision is a massive improvement to the old system

K. GPSA update didn't happen – not representative present

L. UGPC adjourned; UGC convened at 3:10pm

M. UGC approved the slate of UGPC items

N. No new business for the good of UGC

O. UGC adjourned at 3:12pm