

October 6, 2026

University Graduate Programs Committee & University Graduate Council

Minutes

2:00 PM

Via Zoom

Attendees: Art Sementelli – Chair, Raquel Assis, Lisa Fennegan, Dani Gorton, Lynne Palma, Ajay Bommareddy, Beth King, Eric Berlatsky, Masoud Jahander Lashaki, Patricia Fiorillo, Lincoln Sloas, Deenah Ilario, Soyoung Park, David Fang, Audri Pabustan, Melissa Antonelli, Tobin Hindle, Michelle Peterson

Guests: Robert Stackman, Cristobal Salinas, Marie Clair DeMassie, Angela Adriatico, Julie Earles, Howard Prentice, Javad Hashemi, Zhixiao Xie, Elizabeth Villares Sacks, Sipai Klein, Shane Eason, Dan Meeroff, Debra Szabo, Marc Rhorer, Zhixiao Xie

Absent: Marc Kantorow

1. Meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Dr. Sementelli (UGPC Chair).
2. Minutes from the September 8, 2026 meetings were reviewed and then unanimously approved.
3. Curriculum proposals were reviewed by UGPC.
4. UGPC meeting adjourned at 4:08pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair,
5. UGC called to order at 4:08pm. Slate of GPC items approved at 4:08pm.
6. UGC meeting adjourned at 4:12pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair.

	UGC		
Deenah Ilaria, Director	Update	GPSA	
Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Action
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science			
Course Change	COT 6426 – Information Theory	Engineering	A
Course Change	EEL 6468 – Smart Antennas	Engineering	A
Course Change	EEL 6532 – Information Theory	Engineering	A
New Course	BME 5052L – BME Lab	Engineering	A
New Course	CES 5835 – Advanced Masonry Design	Engineering	A
New Course	ETM 6406 – Principles of Mechanics with Machine Learning	Engineering	A
New Program	Doctor of Philosophy Ph.D. in AI-Powered Biomedical Engineering	Engineering	A
Program Change	CEGE BSMS Combined Program	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BA, BS/MS BABS Computer Science to MS Information Technology & Management	Engineering	Tabled

KEY for Action: A, approved; Aa, approved as amended

Program Change	BA/MS BA Computer Science to MS Data Science & Analytics	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BA/MS BA Computer Science to MS Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS in Any COECS Major to MS BME	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS BME to MS AI	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS ME to MS AI	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS to MS Mechanical Engineering	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS to MS Ocean Engineering	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Electrical Engineering to MS Information Technology & Management	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Computer Engineering	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Electrical Engineering	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Computer Science to MS Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Computer Science to MS Computer Science	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Data science & Analytics to MS Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Data Science & Analytics to MS Data Science & Analytics	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Data Science & Analytics to MS Information Technology & Management	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Electrical Engineering to MS Artificial Intelligence	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Electrical Engineering to MS Computer Engineering	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Electrical Engineering to MS Electrical Engineering	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Computer Science	Engineering	Tabled

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Program Change	BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Information Technology & Management	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	ALL BS to MS Programs in College	Engineering	Tabled
Program Change	Master's in Civil Engineering (MSCV)	Engineering	A
Program Change	Ph.D. in Transportation and Environmental Engineering (Ph.D. TREE)	Engineering	A
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Education			
Program Change	Doctor of Social Work (DSW)	Social Work & Criminal Justice	
Reviewers by College: Education, Engineering & Computer Science			
New Course	FIL 6017 – Foundations in Cinema, Media and Digital Practices	Arts & Letters	Aa
New & Change Program	MFA in Media, Technology and Entertainment (MTEN) MA in Cinema, Media and Digital Practices (CMDP)	Arts & Letters	A
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science			
Program Change	Masters of Health Administration (MHA)	Business	A
New Course	HAS 6366 – Healthcare Operations Management	Business	A
New Program	Master of Science in Marketing	Business	A
Reviewers by College: Engineering & Computer Science, Business			
New Program	Master of Education (M.ED.) to Specialist in Education (ED.S.)	Education	A
New Course	MHS 6556 – Counseling Interventions for Children and Adolescents	Education	A
New Course	MHS 6946 – Internship in Counseling	Education	A
New Program	Master of Education (M.ED.) Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration	Education	A
New Program	Specialist in Education (ED.S.) Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration	Education	A
New Course	MHS 6803 – Practicum in Counseling	Education	A

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New Course	RCS 6625 – Foundations in Rehabilitation Counseling and Case Management	Education	A
Program Change	M.Ed. Special Education – Intervention Specialist (SEIS) Concentration	Education	A
Reviewers by College: Nursing			
	None	Medicine	
Reviewers by College: Engineering, Arts & Letters			
New Course	IDS 6351 – Demystifying the Scholarly Writing Process	Graduate College	A
New Course	IDS 6933 – Special Topics for Graduate Students	Graduate College	A
New Course	IDS 6938 – Special Topics for Graduate Students	Graduate College	A
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Medicine/Biomedical Science			
Course Change	NGR 6538 – Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing	Nursing	A
Course Change	NGR 6503 – Psychopathological Disorders Across the Lifespan: Advanced Nursing	Nursing	A
Course Change	NGR 6509 – Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Individual and Family Therapy in Advanced Nursing Situations	Nursing	A
Course Change	NGR 6509L – Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum 1	Nursing	A
Reviewers by College: SWCJ, Medicine/Biomedical Science			
New Course	PCB 6107 – Development and Regeneration	Science	A
Course Change	BSC 6938 - Seminar	Science	A
Course Change	PCB 6406 – Ecological Theory	Science	A
New Course	BSC 6029 – Advanced Disease Ecology and One Health	Science	A
New Course	BSC 6886 – Brain Modeling and Simulation	Science	A
New Course	GLY 6245 - Geomicrobiology	Science	A

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New Course	PCB 6138 – Glial Biology	Science	A
New Course	ZOO 5514 – Animal Behavior	Science	A
New Program	Certificate in Computational Neuroscience	Science	A
Program Change	Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.)	Science	Tabled

a. Engineering

- a. Motion and second to bundle: COT 6426 – Information Theory; EEL 6468 – Smart Antennas; EEL 6532 – Information Theory
 - i. Bundle motion approved.
 - ii. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - iii. Approved, as is.
- b. New Course Request for: BME 5052L – BME Lab
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- c. New Course Request for: CES 5835 – Advanced Masonry Desing
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- d. New Course Request for: ETM 6406 – Principles of Mechanics with Machine Learning
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is,
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- e. New Program Request for: Doctor of Philosophy Ph.D. in AI-Powered Biomedical Engineering
 - i. Motin and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- f. Motion and second to bundle: CECE BSMS Combined Program; BA, BS/MS BABS Computer Science to MS Information Technology & Management; BA/MS BA Computer Science to MS Data Science & Analytics; BA/MS BA Computer Science to MS Artificial Intelligence; BS in ANY COECS Major to MS BME; BS BME to MS AI; BS ME to MS AI; BS to MS Mechanical Engineering; BS to MS Ocean Engineering; BS/MSBS Electrical Engineering to MS Information Technology & Management; BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Computer Engineering; BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Artificial Intelligence; BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Electrical Engineering; BS/MS BS Computer Science to MS Artificial Intelligence; BS/MS BS Computer Science to MS Computer Science; BS/MS BS Data Science & Analytics to MS Artificial Intelligence;

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BS/MS BS Data Science & Analytics to MS Information Technology &
Management; BS/MS BS Electrical Engineering to MS Artificial
Intelligence; BS/MS BS Electrical Engineering to MS Computer
Engineering; BS/MS BS Electrical Engineering to MS Electrical
Engineering; BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Computer
Science; BS/MS BS Computer Engineering to MS Information
Technology & Management; ALL BS to MS Programs in College;

- i. Bundle motion approved.
- ii. Motion tabled for a future meeting.
- g. Motion and second to bundle: Master's in Civil Engineering (MSCV); Ph.D. in Transportation and Environmental Engineering (Ph.D. TREE)
 - i. Bundle motion approved.
 - ii. Motion and second to approve bundle, as is.
 - iii. Approved, as is.

b. Social Work and Criminal Justice

- a. Program Change Request for: Doctor of Social Work (DSW)
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.

c. Arts & Letters

- a. New Course Request for: FIL 6017 – Foundations in Cinema, Media and Digital Practices: *add textbook/s into syllabus*
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
 - ii. Approved, as amended.
- b. New and Change Program Request for: MFA in Media, Technology and Entertainment (MTEN) MA in Cinema, Media and Digital Practices (CMDP)
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.

d. Business

- a. Program Change Request for: Masters of Health Administration (MHA)
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- b. New Course Proposal Request for: HAS 6366 – Healthcare Operations Management
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- c. New Program Request for: Master of Science in Marketing

- i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
- ii. Approved, as is.

e. Education

- a. Motion and second to bundle: Master of Education (M.ED.) to Specialist in Education (ED.S.); Master of Education (M.ED.) Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration; Specialist in Education (ED.S.) Marriage and Family Therapy Concentration
 - i. Bundle motion approved.
 - ii. Motion and second to approve bundle, as is.
 - iii. Approved, as is.
- b. New Course Request for: MHS 6556 – Counseling Interventions for Children and Adolescents
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- c. Motion and second to bundle: MHS 6946 – Internship in Counseling; MHS 6803 – Practicum in Counseling
 - i. Bundle motion approved.
 - ii. Motion and second to approve bundle, as is.
 - iii. Approved, as is.
- d. New Course Request for: RCS 6625 – Foundations in Rehabilitation Counseling and Case Management
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- e. Program Change Request for: M.Ed. Special Education – Intervention Specialist (SEIS) Concentration
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.

f. Graduate College

- a. New Course Request for: IDS 6351 – Demystifying the Scholarly Writing Process
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- b. New Course Request for: IDS 6933 – Special Topics for Graduate Students
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - b. Approved, as is.
- c. New Course Request for: IDS 6938 – Special Topics for Graduate Students
 - a. Motion and second to approve, as is.

- b. Approved, as is.

g. Nursing

- a. Motion and second to bundle: NGR 6538 – Psychopharmacology Across the Lifespan for Advanced Nursing; NGR 6503 – Psychopathological Disorders Across the Lifespan: Advanced Nursing; NGR 6509 – Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan: Individual and Family Therapy in Advanced Nursing Situations; NGR 6509L – Psychiatric Mental Health Nursing Across the Lifespan Practicum 1
 - i. Bundle motion approved.
 - ii. Motion and second to approved bundle, as is.
 - iii. Approved, as is.

h. Science

- a. New Course Request for: PCB 6107 – Development and Regeneration
 - i. Tabled for next meeting
- b. Course Change Request for: BSC 6938 – Seminar
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- c. Course Change Request for: PCB 6406 – Ecological Theory
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- d. New Course Request for: BSC 6029 – Advanced Disease Ecology and One Health
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- e. New Course Request for: BSC 6886 – Brain Modeling and Simulation
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- f. New Course Request for: GLY 6245 – Geomicrobiology
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- g. New Course Request for: PCB 6138 – Glial Biology
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- h. New Course Request for: ZOO 5514 – Animal Behavior
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - j. Approved, as is.
- k. New Program Request for: Certificate in Computational Neuroscience
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.
- l. Program Change Request for: Master of Science in Teaching (M.S.T.)

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i. Other Business

- a. GPSA hired 5 student ambassadors – liaisons for GPSA in their colleges.
- b. Dr. Stackman asked about Dean of Success search committee – there was a short discussion that followed