

September 8, 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, Linda Peterson, Zhixiao Xie, Maggie Ng, Elizabeth Villares Sacks, Predrag Cudic

Absent: Marc Kantorow

1. Meeting was called to order at 2pm by Dr. Sementelli (UGPC Chair).
2. Minutes from the August 25, 2026 meetings were reviewed and then unanimously approved.
3. Curriculum proposals were reviewed by UGPC.
4. UGPC meeting adjourned at 2:47pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair,
5. UGC called to order at 2:47pm. Slate of GPC items approved at 2:47pm.
6. UGC meeting adjourned at 2:59pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair.

	UGC			
Bob Stackman	Roundtable Introductions	Graduate College		
Deenah Ilaria, Director	Update	GPSA		
Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credits	Action
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science				
	None	Engineering		
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Education				
	None	Social Work & Criminal Justice		
Reviewers by College: Education, Engineering & Computer Science				
	None	Arts & Letters		
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science				
Course Change	ACG 7837 – Survey of Behavioral Accounting Research	Business		
Reviewers by College: Engineering & Computer Science, Business				

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New Program	BECE to M.Ed. 4+1 Degree Program (Curriculum & Instruction, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood)	Education		
New Course	MHS 6431 – Advanced Family Theory and Techniques	Education		
New Course	MHS 6440 – Couples Counseling			
Reviewers by College: Nursing				
	None	Medicine		
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Medicine/Biomedical Science				
	None	Nursing		
Reviewers by College: SWCJ, Medicine/Biomedical Science				
New Course	PCB 6107 – Development and Regeneration	Science		
Program Change	Neuroscience Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Science		
Program Change	Bachelor of Science (B.S.) to Master of Science (M.S.)	Science		
Program Change	Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)	Science		
Program Change	Master of Science (M.S.) in Chemistry	Science		
Program Change	Master of Science (M.S) Along the Way to Doctor of Philosophy Master's en Passant	Science		

a. Business

- a. Course Change Request for: ACG 7837 – Survey of behavioral Accounting Research: *Update description and dates.*
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved, as is.

b. Education

- a. New Program Request for: BECE to M.Ed. 4+1 Degree Program (Curriculum & Instruction, Interdisciplinary Early Childhood)
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
 - ii. Approved as is.

- b. Motion and second to bundle: MHS 6431 – Advanced Family Theory and Techniques; MHS 6440 – Couples Counseling
 - i. Bundle motion approved.
 - ii. Motion and second to approve bundle as is.
 - iii. Approved as is.

c. Science

- a. New Course Request for: PCB 6107 – Development and Regeneration: *Change date to Spring 2027 and get email from Dr. Kantorow for sign off.*
 - i. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
 - ii. Approved, as amended.
 - iii. DID NOT receive the amended documents in time to submit to Steering – will have to include on the next Consent agenda for steering (scheduled for November 9th)
- b. Program Change Request for: Neuroscience Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) - Chemistry
 - i. Motion and second to approve as is.
 - ii. Approved as is.
- c. Program Change Request for: Bachelor of Science (B.S.) to Master of Science (M.S.) – Chemistry
 - i. Motion and second to approve as is.
 - ii. Approved as is.
- d. Program Change Request for: Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) – Chemistry
 - i. Motion and second to approve as is.
 - ii. Approved as is.
- e. Program Change Request for: Master of Science (M.S.) – Chemistry
 - i. Motion and second to approve as is.
 - ii. Approved as is.
- f. Program Change Request for: Master of Science (M.S.) Along the Way to Doctor of Philosophy Master's en Passant – Chemistry
 - i. Motion and second to approve as is.
 - ii. Approved as is.

d. Other Business

- a. Dr. Sementelli was voted in and approved as UGC & UGPC Chair.
- b. Dr. Stackman spoke about the retiring faculty & per the Provost's office, holding off as of now.
- c. Deenah Ilario (GPSA) mentioned the December 3rd mixer that is currently in planning stages. She also asked about a way to keep the students informed about events, etc – Dr. Sementelli suggested setting up a Grad Student What's app message board.