



# Graduate Council

## Agenda

December 11, 2025; 2:30 PM CT

<https://wku.zoom.us/j/97964969063>

Members present: Kirk Atkinson, Whitley Stone, Jeremy Logsdon, Tonya Bragg-Underwood, Jessi Thomsen, Erin Warfel, Jieyoung Kong, Dan Strunk (also proxy for Jerry Brotzge), Mikhail Khenner, Sara McCaslin, Daniel Keller, Leslee Tarbett, Daniel Keller, Jonathan Ross, Sukurat Kofoworola

Guests: Scott Gordon, Cathleen Webb, Merrell Price, Danita Kelley, Jennifer Klemm, Gregory Ellis-Griffith, Leslie North, David Oliver

- 1) Call to order \*Atkinson at 2:31pm
- 2) Sign-in in sheet – via chat Zoom
- 3) Previous Meeting Minutes: Motion to consider – Strunk/Warfel. Approved unanimously.
- 4) Committee Reports
  - a. Research (Jeremy Logsdon) No report
  - b. Policy (Wes Cottongim) No report
  - c. Curriculum (Erin Warfel) Report attached: Motion to consider – Warfel. Approved unanimously.
- 5) Other business
  - a. Graduate Studies: \*Gordon- Spring 2026 enrollment is essentially flat, up by about 6 more students than last AY at this time.
- 6) Calendar and next meeting (1/15 @ 3:00 PM Zoom Link to be provided)
- 7) Adjournment: Motion to adjourn 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> Logsdon/Bragg-Underwood at 2:43pm

Respectfully submitted  
Graduate Council – Secretary  
Tonya Bragg-Underwood

Attachment: Reports



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### Graduate Council Curriculum Committee

Minutes – December 4, 2025, 2:30 PM (CT)

**Voting Members:** Erin Warfel, Dan Strunk, Jessi Thomsen, Elnad Jasarevic, and Leslie Tarbett.

**Advisory Members:** Cate Webb, Danita Kelley, Jennifer Klemm, Danita Kelley, Jamie DeYoung, and Jessica Dorris

**Guests:** Melanie Eaton, David Oliver, Greg Ellis-Griffith, and Leslie North.

**Approval of Minutes- November 6, 2025 - 1st/2nd:** Tarbett/Warfel **Vote:** Approved (4 Yes)

#### Course Administration:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (6)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
AGED 571	<a href="#">AGED 571: Laboratory Design and Instructional Delivery Strategies in Agricultural Education</a>	Edited	wll99339	11/15/2025
<b>Motion to Approve – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Warfel/Tarbett				
<b>Discussion:</b> Strunk gave a brief description.				
<b>Vote:</b> Approved (4 Yes)				
<b>Motion to Bundle all DISC courses:</b> Thomsen/Strunk				
<b>Vote to Bundle:</b> Approved (4 Yes)				



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Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
<b>Motion to Approve – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Thomsen/Strunk				
<b>Discussion:</b> Oliver gave a brief description. These additions will give us options for capstones/thesis.				
<b>Vote:</b> Approved (4 Yes)				
<a href="#">DISC 595</a>	<a href="#">DISC 595: Disaster Science Capstone</a>	Added	dvd62010	11/20/2025
<a href="#">DISC 599</a>	<a href="#">DISC 599: Thesis Research and Writing</a>	Added	dvd62010	11/20/2025
<a href="#">DISC 598</a>	<a href="#">DISC 598: Research Methods for Disaster Science</a>	Added	dvd62010	11/20/2025
<b>Motion to Bundle all BIOL courses:</b> Warfel/Thomsen				
<b>Vote to Bundle:</b> Approved (4 Yes)				
<b>Motion to Approve – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Tarbett/Thomsen				
<b>Discussion:</b> Webb gave a brief description.				
<b>Vote:</b> Approved (4 Yes)				
<a href="#">BIOL 536</a>	<a href="#">BIOL 536: Advanced Neurobiology</a>	Added	smr85629	11/20/2025
<a href="#">BIOL 544</a>	<a href="#">BIOL 544: Conservation Ecology</a>	Added	smr85629	11/20/2025



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#### Review Program Changes:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (3)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
<a href="#">078</a>	<a href="#">078: History</a>	Edited	alx81987	11/6/2025
<b>Motion to Approve – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Tarbett/Strunk				
<b>Discussion:</b> No proponent to speak so committee wanted to table.				
<b>Motion to Table – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Warfel/Thomsen				
<b>Vote on Table:</b> Approved (4 Yes)				
<a href="/programadmin/412/index.html">/programadmin/412/index.html</a>	<a href="#">: Sustainability Practices in Health Leadership</a>	Added	mln43600	11/17/2025
<b>Motion to Approve – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Warfel/Tarbett				
<b>Discussion:</b> Ellis-Griffith gave a brief description. Webb asked, since rural hospitals are closing; What part of this will address that? Answered, looking at financial, over capacities, rightsizing, etc.				
<b>Vote:</b> Approved (4 Yes)				
<a href="/programadmin/413/index.html">/programadmin/413/index.html</a>	<a href="#">: Disaster Science MS</a>	Added	dvd62010	11/20/2025
<b>Motion to Approve – 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup>:</b> Strunk/Tarbett				
<b>Discussion:</b> Oliver gave a brief description. Part of the consolidation.				
<b>Vote:</b> Approved (4 Yes)				

**Informational Item(s):** None

**Other Business:** None

**Adjourn** at 2:53pm - 1<sup>st</sup>/2<sup>nd</sup> – Tarbett/Thomsen

Respectfully submitted,  
GCCC Recorder  
Jessica Steenbergen