



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 1st/2nd 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	AGED 571: Laboratory Design and Instructional Delivery Strategies in Agricultural Education	Edited	wll99339	11/15/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Tarbett				
Discussion: Strunk gave a brief description.				
Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
Motion to Bundle all DISC courses: Thomsen/Strunk				
Vote to Bundle: Approved (4 Yes)				



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Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Thomsen/Strunk

Discussion: Oliver gave a brief description. These additions will give us options for capstones/thesis.

Vote: Approved (4 Yes)

DISC 595	DISC 595: Disaster Science Capstone	Added	dvd62010	11/20/2025
DISC 599	DISC 599: Thesis Research and Writing	Added	dvd62010	11/20/2025
DISC 598	DISC 598: Research Methods for Disaster Science	Added	dvd62010	11/20/2025

Motion to Bundle all BIOL courses: Warfel/Thomsen

Vote to Bundle: Approved (4 Yes)

Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Tarbett/Thomsen

Discussion: Webb gave a brief description.

Vote: Approved (4 Yes)

BIOL 536	BIOL 536: Advanced Neurobiology	Added	smr85629	11/20/2025
BIOL 544	BIOL 544: Conservation Ecology	Added	smr85629	11/20/2025



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Review Program Changes:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (3)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
078	078: History	Edited	alx81987	11/6/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Tarbett/Strunk				
Discussion: No proponent to speak so committee wanted to table.				
Motion to Table – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen				
Vote on Table: Approved (4 Yes)				
/programadmin/412/index.html	: Sustainability Practices in Health Leadership	Added	mln43600	11/17/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Tarbett				
Discussion: 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.				
Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
/programadmin/413/index.html	: Disaster Science MS	Added	dvd62010	11/20/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Strunk/Tarbett				
Discussion: Oliver gave a brief description. Part of the consolidation.				
Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				

Informational Item(s): None

Other Business: None

Adjourn at 2:53pm - 1st/2nd – Tarbett/Thomsen

Respectfully submitted,
GCCC Recorder
Jessica Steenbergen