February 17, 2026
University Graduate Programs Committee & University Graduate Council
Minutes

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

Guests: Kenneth Dawson-Scully, Bob Stackman, Cristobal Salinas, Laura Graham, Marie Claire DeMassi, Adrian Finucane, Lee Soroko, Arslan Munir, Angela Adriatico

Absent: Lincoln Sloas, Deenah Ilaria

1) Meeting was called to order at 2:01pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair.
2) Minutes from the GPC/UGC meeting held on January 20, 2026, were unanimously approved.
3) Curricula items submitted for review and approval by GPC.
4) GPC meeting adjourned at 4:04pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair.
5) UGC called to order at 4:03pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair.
6) Curricula slate approved by UGC at 4:03pm.
7) Discussion of other business.
8) UGC meeting adjourned at 4:04pm by Dr. Sementelli, Chair.

Curriculum Document Type	Title	College (Department)	Credits	Action
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science				
Course Change	CGS 5937 – Graduate Seminar	Engineering		
Program Change	MSAI, MSDSA, MSITM	Engineering		
New Combined Degree Program	BS/BA to MS	Engineering		
New Course Proposal	CAI 6107 – Quantum Machine Learning	Engineering		
New Course Proposal	CGS 5224 – Advanced Quantum Hardware & Devices	Engineering		
New Course Proposal	CGS 6285 – Quantum Communication And Networking	Engineering		
New Course Proposal	CGS 6938 – Graduate Seminar 2	Engineering		
New Course Proposal	COT 5600 – Fundamentals of Quantum Computing	Engineering		
New Course Proposal	COT 6605 – Applied Quantum Security	Engineering		
Program Change	PhD: CS, CE, EE	Engineering		
Program Change	Graduate Certificate in Quantum Computing	Engineering		
Program Change	MSBME, MSCS, MSCE & MSEE	Engineering		
New Course Proposal	CES 6218	Engineering		
Program Change	MS in Mechanical Engineering w/Minor in Engineering Management	Engineering		
Program Change	MS in Ocean Engineering w/Minor in Engineering Management	Engineering		
Reviewers by College: Education, Engineering & Computer Science				
Course Change	HIS 5944 Teaching Practicum	Arts & Letters		

Course Change	TPP 5266 Acting for the Camera	Arts & Letters		
Course Change	TPP 5267 Grad Acting for Film & TV	Arts & Letters		
Course Change	TPP 6518 Movement for the Graduate Actor 4	Arts & Letters		
Course Change	TPP 6535 Movement for the Graduate Actor 2	Arts & Letters		
Course Change	TPP 6716 Voice for the Graduate Actor 2	Arts & Letters		
New Course Proposal	TPP 5268 Graduate Acting for the Camera 3	Arts & Letters		
Program Change	Master of Arts M.A. HIS 5944	Arts & Letters		
Course Change	TPP 6517 Movement for the Graduate Actor 3	Arts & Letters		
Reviewers by College: Nursing, Science				
Program Change	Honors Program in Accounting	Business		
Program Change	Graduate & Executive Education Certificate in Hospitality & Tourism Management	Business		
Course Change	MAN 6501 – Operations Management	Business		
New Course Proposal	GEB 6236 – Increase Your Market Value: AI for Optimizing Business Communications	Business		
Program Change	BBA or BS to MSBA Combined Program	Business		
Program Change	BBA or BS to MSITM Combined Program	Business		
Program Change	BBA or BS to MSSCM Combined Program	Business		
Program Change	School of Accounting Traditional Master Degree (MAC)	Business		
Reviewers by College: Engineering & Computer Science, Business				
Course Change	EEX 7526 Grant writing	Education		

Reviewers by College: Nursing				
	None	Medicine		
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Medicine/Biomedical Science				
Course Change	NGR 7974	Nursing		
Course Change	NRG 7978 Doctoral Synthesis (Comprehensive Exam)	Nursing		
Reviewers by College: SWCJ, Medicine/Biomedical Science				
	None	Science		
Reviewers by College: Arts & Letters, Education				
	None	Social Work & Criminal Justice		
	Additional Items			
Deenah Ilaria, Director	Update	GPSA		

a. Engineering

a. Course change request for CGS 5937 catalog revision
    i. Motion and second to approve as amended: *with catalog verbiage*
    ii. Approved as amended
b. Program change request requiring all master's degree programs in the department to add the zero-credit course CGS 5937 – Graduate Seminar 1 as a degree requirement for MSAI, MSDSA & MSITM.
    i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
    ii. Approved
c. New Combined Degree Program request BA/BS to MS
    i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
    ii. Approved
d. New Course Proposal: CGS 5224 Advanced Quantum Hardware & Devices
    i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
    ii. Approved
e. Motion and second to bundle: New Course Proposals: CAI 6107, CGS 6285, COT 5600 and COT 6605. *Had a lot of questions and needed more information.*
    i. Bundle Motion approved.
    ii. Motion to table.
    iii. Tabled.
f. New Course Proposal: CGS 6983 Graduate Seminar 2.
    i. Motion and second to approve, as is.

   ii. Approved
g. Program Change Request proposing to change degree requirement of all PhD programs (Engineering and Computer Science CS, CE and EE) taking two semesters of Graduate Seminar CGS 5937 to taking one semester of CGS 5937 – Graduate Seminar 1 and one semester of CGS 6938 – Graduate Seminar 2 (0 credits each).
   i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
   ii. Approved
h. Program Change Request – Graduate Certificate in Quantum Computing: *had questions and need more information*.
   i. Motion to table.
   ii. Tabled.
i. Program Change Request – Changing degree requirements for MSBME, MSCS, MSCE and MSEE.
   i. Motin and second to approve, as is.
   ii. Approved
j. New Course Proposal: CES 6218: *was turned in late, will have to be tabled till next meeting*
   i. Motion to table.
   ii. Tabled.
k. Program Change: MS in Mechanical Engineering w/Minor in Engineering Management: *was turned in late, will have to be tabled till next meeting*
   i. Motion to table.
   ii. Tabled.
l. Program Change: MS in Ocean Engineering w/Minor in Engineering management: *was turned in late, will have to be tabled till next meeting*
   i. Motion to table.
   ii. Tabled.

b. Arts & Letters

a. Course Change Request HIS 5944 Teaching Practicum: *add old description w/redline through*
   i. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
   ii. Approved
b. Motion and second to bundle: Course Change: TPP 5266, TPP 5267, TPP 6518, TPP 6535, TPP 6716, TPP 6517; and New Course Proposal TPP 5268.
   i. Bundle Motion approved.
   ii. Motion and second to approve, as is.
   iii. Approved
c. Program Change Request for Master of Arts M.A. HIS 5944: *need to make changes*
   i. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
   ii. Approved

c. Business

a. Program Change Request Honors Program in Accounting: *there are three courses in this request; they need to be separated*
   i. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
   ii. Approved
b. Program Change Request Graduate & Executive Education Certificate in Hospitality and Tourism Management.

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

c. Course Change Request MAN 6501 Operations Management.
   i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
   ii. Approved
d. New Course Proposal GEB 6236 AI for Optimizing Business Communications: *needs outline, not just a link*.
   i. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
   ii. Approved
e. Motion to second and bundle: Program Change Request: BBA or BS to MSBA Combined Program, BBA or BS to MSITM Combined Program, and BBA or BS to MSSCM Combined Program
   i. Bundle motion approved.
   ii. Motion and second to approve, as is.
   iii. Approved
f. Program Change Request School of Accounting Traditional Master Degree (MAC)
   i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
   ii. Approved

d. Education

a. Course Change Request EEX 7526 Grant Writing: *add point value to assignments*.
   i. Motin and second to approve, as amended.
   ii. Approved

e. Nursing

a. Course Change Request NGR 7974: *add changes to last page so it's very clear*.
   i. Motion and second to approve, as amended.
   ii. Approved
b. Course Change Request NRG 7978 Doctoral Synthesis (Comprehensive Exam).
   i. Motion and second to approve, as is.
   ii. Approved

f. Other Business

a. The Provost, Kenneth Dawson Scully thanked the group and expressed hi desire to be able to help when and if he is needed.
b. Bob Stackman asked about GPSA research day on 3/27 – wondering if the event is needed as other colleges also have their own events. It was discussed that GPSA might benefit from choosing a different date/time of year to get more attendees.

g. UGPC adjourned; UGC convened at 4:03pm
h. UGC approved the slate of UGPC items
i. UGC adjourned at 4:04pm