

Administrative Board of the Graduate School

April 9, 2026

Winslow Hall

10:00 a.m.

Minutes

Voting members present: Vikas Anand, Harshit Bhatt, David Crouse, Michael Hyman, Jeff Joines, Sharon Joines, Alun Lloyd, John Millhauser, Eric Money, Spencer Muse, Melissa Pasquinelli, Kara Peters, Kate Saul, Temple Walkowiak, Donald Warsing

Non-voting members present: Fashaad Crawford, Jamie Digesare, Pierre Gremaud, Peter Harries, Lian Lynch, Tim Petty, Kyle Pysher

Members absent: Jonathan Allen, Todd Berreth, Helen Chen, Liara Gonzalez, Sam Jones, Seth Kullman, John Lee, James Mulholland, Nelson Vinueza Benitez, Latasha Wade

The meeting was called to order at 10:00 a.m.

I. Approval of Minutes

The minutes from [March 5, 2026](#) were approved.

II. Administrative Board Action Items

A. Program Actions

College of Humanities

- a. At the request of the Anthropology department, a proposal to update the [Anthropology \(MA\)](#) (presented by John Millhauser) was approved.
- b. At the request of the Sociology department, a proposal to update the [Sociology \(PhD\)](#) (presented by John Millhauser) was approved.

The Graduate School

- a. At the request of the Biotechnology department, a proposal to update the [Biotechnology \(Minor\)](#) (presented by Pierre Gremaud) was tabled for further discussion about the masters requiring 9 credits instead of 12 credits.

B. Course Actions

AEC 425/525 and MAE 565 have been pulled from the consent agenda listing below for consultation. A motion was made to approve items under section B as consent agenda with the exception of AEC 425/525 and MAE 565. The motion was passed and the items were approved.

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- a. At the request of the Ecology department, a proposal to create the course [AEC 425 / AEC 525 : Environmental Issues in Aquatic Ecology](#)

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- a. At the request of the Sociology department, a proposal to create the course [ANT 505 : Contemporary Anthropological Theory and Practice](#)
- b. At the request of the Sociology department, a proposal to create the course [ANT 506 : Anthropological Project Design](#)
- c. At the request of the Social Work department, a proposal to create the course [SW 542 : Opioid Use Disorders: Best Practices for Prevention, Treatment and Recovery](#)
- d. At the request of the Social Work department, a proposal to create the course [SW 543 : Contemporary Issues and Special Populations in Substance Use Disorders](#)
- e. At the request of the Social Work department, a proposal to create the course [SW 544 : Addiction Treatment Theories and Models](#)

College of Veterinary Medicine

- a. At the request of the CBS department, a proposal to create the course [CBS 707 : Fundamentals of Infectious Disease](#)

College of Sciences

- a. At the request of the Mathematics department, a proposal to create the course [MA 516 : Measure and Integration Theory](#)
- b. At the request of the Mathematics department, a proposal to create the course [MA 538 : Applied Harmonic Analysis](#)
- c. At the request of the Statistics department, a proposal to create the course [ST 811 : Navigating the Statistics PhD program and beyond: perspectives, skills, and strategies](#)

- d. At the request of the Toxicology department, a proposal to create the course [TOX 862 : Science Communication in Toxicology](#)

College of Engineering

- a. At the request of the MAE department, a proposal to create the course [MAE 565 : Bio-inspired Surfaces](#)

Poole College of Management

- a. At the request of the MIE department, a proposal to create the course [MIE 558 : Sustainable Business Strategy](#)

C. Course Revisions

**A motion was made to approve items under section C as consent agenda.
The motion was passed and the items were approved.**

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- a. At the request of the Sociology department, a proposal to update the course [ANT 600: Introduction to Graduate Studies in Anthropology](#)

College of Natural Resources

- a. At the request of the Sociology department, a proposal to update the course [FOR 474 / FOR 574 : Forest Measurement, Modeling, and Inventory](#)

College of Sciences

- a. At the request of the Mathematics department, a proposal to update the course [MA 512 : Introduction to Analysis](#)
- b. At the request of the Statistics department, a proposal to update the course [ST 545: Analysis of Survival Data](#)

D. Minor Actions

**A motion was made to approve items under section D as consent agenda.
The motion was passed and the items were approved.**

College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

- a. At the request of the Horticultural Science department, a proposal to update the course [HS 725 / CS 725 / SSC 725 / : Pesticide Chemistry](#)
- b. At the request of the Horticultural Science department, a proposal to update the course [HS 727 / CS 727 / SSC 727 / : Pesticide Behavior and Fate In the Environment](#)

- c. At the request of the Entomology & Plant Pathology department, a proposal to update the course [PP 715 / MB 715 : Applied Evolutionary Population Genetics](#)

Poole College of Management

- a. At the request of the ITAO department, a proposal to update the course [ITAO 551 : Data-Driven Managerial Decisions 2](#)
- b. At the request of the MIE department, a proposal to update the course [MIE 519 : Think and Do: The Leadership Challenge](#)
- c. At the request of the MIE department, a proposal to update the course [MIE 530 : Leading People](#)

College of Sciences

- a. At the request of the MEA department, a proposal to update the course [MEA 518 : Adaptation to Climate Change](#)
- b. At the request of the MEA department, a proposal to update the course [MEA 630 : Independent Study](#)
- c. At the request of the MEA department, a proposal to update the course [MEA 752 : Marine Plankton Ecology](#)

College of Humanities and Social Sciences

- a. At the request of the Social Work department, a proposal to update the course [SW 541: Pathology, Diagnosis and Treatment of Substance Use Disorders](#)

III. New Business

- a. [Course Component Definitions](#) (Pierre Gremaud) The committee looked at the current definitions of course component types and discussed updates to those descriptions. The four component types discussed were Student Teaching, Internship, Independent Study, and Research. There was a question if any of these component types have impacts on funding and a recommendation to see where the component types are being used. The Graduate School will send out a google form to provide feedback on changes to the component type definitions and the committee will discuss again at the next meeting.
- b. [Rethinking elements of Graduate Faculty](#) (Peter Harries) The committee discussed the graduate faculty regulation and how it relates to faculty advising, how faculty get graduate faculty status, and how graduate faculty status is removed. The committee discussed creating a third tier of graduate faculty which only allows teaching. Another recommendation was made to designate graduate faculty for master's and doctoral level classes. The committee will review the current regulation and gather feedback.

IV. Information Items

- a. Report from Graduate Student Association (GSA) (presented by Harshit Bhatt)
There will be a spring formal and a wellness event for graduate students. They are also awarding travel awards this semester.
- b. Report from Faculty Senate (presented by Michael Hyman) Since the beginning of the year the faculty senate has had discussions on the new syllabus policy, a presentation of academic program review, academic freedom, a presentation on developing course assignment using AI, a presentation from the student mental health taskforce, and a discussion on well-being for faculty. The faculty senate website posts this information and links to the presentations.

V. Next scheduled meeting

April 23, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Winslow Hall Conference Room

The meeting was adjourned at 11:20 a.m.