

Graduate Council

November 7, 2025, 12:25pm

MCCC 319

Minutes

Present: Kaitlin Ensor, Gerda Kumpiene, JD Carpenter, Scott Beatty, Robin Meadows, Dwight Heaster, Mari Clements

Absent: Connie Stout, Kevin Evans, Adrian Duelley

Guests: Ann Reed, Rachel Adams, Ashley Nicholas

- Call to Order
 - Approval of October 23, 2025, Minutes. Robin motioned to approve with the addition of JD's name to the member present, Gerda seconded. Motion passed
- Old Business
 - Rolling Admissions
 - The Council discussed the use of the words term and session. The council agreed to use the word semester to describe 16-week courses, the use of the word term to describe 8-week courses, and summer will always be referred to as a term. Dwight motioned to accept these words to describe semester and term; Robin seconded the motion. Motion passed.
 - Teaching Assistants
 - Kaitlin has been working on the MA in Counseling proposal and has not had an opportunity to finish this. This item will be tabled until the proposal is complete.
 - Peregrine Process
 - Mari has completed a flow chart for this process and also has plans to put this process into words. She is currently finalizing the intent to plan for nursing and will provide these documents on this when completed. This item is tabled until the plan is complete.
 - Accelerated Program
 - The document for this item was not provided in time for the meeting. The discussion for the accelerated program is tabled until our next scheduled meeting to allow time for everyone to review the document.
 - Learning Outcomes

- JD stated that the Business department has updated theirs by removing the first outcome as it refers to completing ACCT 520 and MGMT 537 since we have adopted Peregrine self-leveling. He will send an updated copy to Academic Affairs.
 - Criminal Justice has no changes to their learning outcomes.
- Auditing Grad Level Courses
 - The Academic Policy committee is still in the process of reviewing the current policy for auditing undergrad courses. The Council discussed the pros and cons of auditing grad level courses, but ultimately decided to table this until it has been approved by the Academic Policy committee. Once approved it will be brought back to the Council.
- Clinical Psychology Intent to Plan
 - There was some discussion by the Council member about this degree being used for students wanting to be involved in school counseling. It was explained that we do not currently have the faculty in place to be able to back this type of program. We would have to have all new faculty.
 - It was asked if APA allows fully online programs. It was explained that our program is not fully online and it will involve some residency requirements.
 - JD motioned to approve the proposed intent to plan for the Master's in Clinical Psychology, Scott seconded, and Dwight abstained. Motion passed.
- Microcredentials
 - The Council discussed the use of microcredentials at the graduate level and the possibility of using rize courses as a microcredential.
 - Mari explained to the council that in order for a course/courses to be used as a microcredential that it must be of value. Meaning that it needs support from workforce data or an advisory committee recommendation stating that it can be used to help employees advance their positions/pay.
 - Mari also explained that we are initially focusing on credit-based credentials. We do not need to create new courses for this to work, as this could lead to low-enrolled courses. We need to focus on low hanging fruit courses we already offer that can be stacked. (ex. CART 101, ENGL 101, BUSN 193) These courses could be combined to create a communications microcredential.