

Graduate Council

January 22, 2026

Minutes

Present: Dwight Heaster, JD Carpenter, Robin Meadows, Kaitlin Ensor, Scott Beatty, Kevin Evans, Gerda Kumpine, Rachel Adams, Adrian Duelley

Guest: Ashley Nicholas, Ann Reed

Absent: Connie Stout, Mari Clements

Call to Order

- Approval of the minutes from the November 20, 2025 meeting, Kevin motioned to approve, Robin seconded, Kaitlin abstained. Motion passed
- Approval of the minutes from the January 8, 2026 special meeting, Kevin motioned to approve, Robin seconded, Scott abstained. Motion passed
- Approval of the minutes from the January 13, 2026 special meeting, Kevin motioned to approve, Robin seconded. Motion passed.
 - Rachel noted that since she is an ex-officio member that her name should not be under the guest title in the minutes.
- Old Business
 - Teaching Assistants- not ready
 - Peregrine Process – not ready
 - Accelerated Programs – There was a meeting after the November 20, 2025 Grad Council meeting and the final details were outlined. The Department of Business will need to present the items to the Curriculum Committee along with a memo and the catalog pages.
 - Auditing Grad Level Courses – The undergrad course auditing policy was approved last week in Academic Policy, Ashley will submit a copy of it to the Council for review and discussion.
 - Microcredentials – The Department of Business is exploring the possibility of using rize courses as a microcredential. The form need to be updated to add a signature line for the Grad Council.
 - Criminal Justice voting and member numbers – The way the bylaws are written this should be 2 people, not one person with two votes. Scott will discuss with the department if anyone is willing to fill the position. The Council asked what do we do if none of them are willing. If this happens we will discuss it at the next meeting.

- New Business
 - Phases in Outcomes- This will be tabled to the next scheduled meeting. Adrian said that Leisa has a presentation for the Council that will outline this new process and answer any questions we may have.
 - Policy of Awarding Duplicate Degrees
 - Ann talked to the council as there is a policy in place at the undergraduate level with respect to sharing credits and double dipping. She asked if the Council thinks we should have a policy in place that outlines how this will work.
 - The Council decided that they would take this back to their respective departments for discussions and bring the comments and concerns back during the next regularly scheduled meeting.

Pamela Brown

January 30, 2026