

Graduate Council

August 14, 2026

Minutes

Present: Kaitlin Ensor, Mari Clements, JD Carpenter, Dwight Heaster, Scott Beatty, Jeff Bryson, Connie Stout, Gerda Kumpiene, Liam Condon, Adrienne Duelley

Absent: Rachel Adams, Victoria Osborne

Guest: Ashley Nicholas

Call to Order

Old Business

- Updates on Chair, Vice Chair, and Student Representative
 - Elections were held in an online vote with Kaitlin being voted in as Chair and Jeff as Vice Chair.
 - Victoria Osborne accepted the nomination of Student Representative.

New Business

- Bylaws Update
 - Rachel's title has been updated from Certification Analyst to Associate Registrar.
 - Jeff motioned to update the bylaws to reflect Rachel's new title, Connie seconded. Motion passed.
- Microcredential Policy
 - The Council reviewed and discussed the provided documents outlining the definition and information for microcrednetials. The Council asked the wording of associate or baccalaureate be removed.
 - Jeff motioned to approved the documents with the suggested updates, Dwight seconded. Motion passed
- MBA Admissions Updates
 - JD discussed with the Council about removing the requirement of submitting two letters of recommendation from the admissions process for MBA applicants.
 - Connie motioned to accept this proposal, Gerda seconded. Motion passed.
- MBA Microcredentials
 - JD proposed a total of 12 microcredentials for the MBA. The proposed microcredentials consist of 10 microcredentials being offered with the courses taught with through our rize partnership. Two AI, two Business Analytics, two Finance, two Healthcare Administration, and two Cybersecurity. The remaining

two microcredential will be in the area of management. One of those will Human Resources Management, and the other Operations Management.

- Gerda motioned to approve all 12 of the proposed MBA Microcredentials, Connie seconded. Motion passed.

- MSCJ Course Rotations

- Scott presented new proposed course rotations for the MSCJ program. Mari ask for this item to be tabled until she and Scott can sit down and review the proposed changes.

Pamela Brown

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