Graduate Council Minutes – March 2, 2026
3:00 pm, Virtual

Members Present: John Determan, Roberta Di Carmine, Jim McQuillan (Chair), Chunying Zhao, Sebastian Szyjka (Vice Chair), Heidi Lung, Gina Yi

Member Absent: Niyazi Ekici

Ex-officio Present: Kishor Kapale

Guests Present: Julie Brines, Jennifer Plos, Rene Polubinsky, Hadley Kamminga-Peck

Others Present: Sheryl Harty

I. FULL GRADUATE FACULTY

A. Dr. Mei Wen, Department of Health & Wellness Services, Professor

Motion: To approve the request (Determan/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

B. Dr. Brent Payne, School of Engineering & Technology, Professor

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Di Carmine)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

II. ANNOUNCEMENTS

A. Academic integrity violation (1)
B. Subcommittee will review Grad Research & Professional Development submissions.

III. CURRICULUM

A. School of Agriculture
   1. Request for multiple – title approval AGRI 508

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Zhao)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

B. Alternative Teacher Licensure

1. Request to change graduate program requirements
    a. Special Education

Motion: To approve the request (Szyjka/Di Carmine)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

    b. Middle Grades

Motion: To approve the request (Szyjka/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

C. College Student Personnel
    1. Request for new Courses
        a. CSP 515

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Zhao)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

        b. CSP 567

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Di Carmine)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

        c. CSP 568

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

        d. CSP 602

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Zhao)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

    2. Request for minor change to a course
        a. CSP 533

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

        b. CSP 550

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Yi)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

        c. CSP 552

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

d. CSP 553

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Zhao)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

e. CSP 555

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

f. CSP 559

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

g. CSP 560

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

h. CSP 561

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Yi)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

i. CSP 581

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

j. CSP 597

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

k. CSP 598

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Yi)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

l. CSP 600

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Di Carmine)

MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

Motion: To add CSP 599 to agenda (Lung/Di Carmine)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

m. CSP 599

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Di Carmine)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

3. Request to change graduate program requirements

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Zhao)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

D. Theatre
1. Request for new course
a. THEA 530

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

b. THEA 544

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

c. THEA 549

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Yi)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

d. THEA 563

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

e. THEA 564

Motion: To table the request for next meeting (Lung/Zhao)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

f. THEA 575

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Yi)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

g. THEA 588

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

2. Request for a minor change to a course
   a. THEA 565
   b. THEA 576
   c. THEA 577
   d. THEA 578
   e. THEA 587

Motion: To bundle a-e minor changes (Lung/Yi)
MOTION CARRIED: 5 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 5 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

3. Request to increase credit hours
   a. THEA 546

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 5 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

b. THEA 565

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 5 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

c. THEA 577

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 5 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

4. Request to change graduate program requirements
   a. Acting

Motion: To table the request for next meeting (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 5 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

b. Directing

Motion: To table the request for next meeting (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 4 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Review the School of Graduate Studies Operating paper: once Grad Council approves, will then go to full grad faculty for vote. Summary of changes needed so that it is clear for the faculty vote. Jeremy Robinett will help with the vote. Better to pass it sooner rather than later so that we can hold elections.

Meeting adjourned: 4:24 p.m. Will meet next week for student appeals.

Graduate Council Minutes – March 9, 2026

3:00 pm, Virtual

Members Present: John Determan, Roberta Di Carmine, Jim McQuillan (Chair), Chunying Zhao, Sebastian Szyjka (Vice Chair), Heidi Lung

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V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Three strikes for academic integrity incidents: Council was unsure how often the judiciary review for academic integrity violations happens. The Council questioned whether or not to vote on this next meeting as it involves a significant policy addition.

Motion: To table the request for discussion at next meeting & possible vote (Lung/Zhao)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

VI. STUDENT APPEALS

A. Alternative Teacher Licensure
    1. Request for late full university withdrawal
        a. Student A

Motion: To approve the request (Szyjka/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

    2. Request to waive the C rule
        b. Student B

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

        c. Student C

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Szyjka)
MOTION CARRIED: 6 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

Meeting adjourned: 3:29 p.m.