Graduate Council Minutes – Special Appeals Meeting - January 26, 2026

3:00 p.m., Virtual

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

Ex-officio Present: Kishor Kapale

Others Present: Sheryl Harty

I. STUDENT APPEALS

A. Alternative Teacher Licensure

1. Late university withdrawal - Student A

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

2. Waiver of C rule - Student B

Council considered the student's multiple low grades, full-time work status, and department approval. Council acknowledged that recent grades have been higher.

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Di Carmine)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 1 AB

B. Business Administration

1. Waiver of C rule

a. Student C

Council discussed that this is the student's first semester and they have received multiple C's, but they do have the department's support.

Motion: To approve the request (Ekici/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

b. Student D

Council considered this student's involved job responsibilities and the department's approval.

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

2. Request to hold an assistantship as a probationary student – Student E

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Ekici)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

C. Computer Science

1. Waiver of C rule

a. Student F

Council discussed that approval meant that the degree would be conferred and, if not, they would not be eligible for degree completion.

Motion: To approve the request (Ekici/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

b. Student G

Council considered the student's increase in GPA over time and that approval would equal degree completion.

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Determan)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

2. Hold a GA with less than 3.0 Grad GPA – Student H

Council discussed student's low grades and considered the letter of support from their employer.

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Ekici)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

D. Mathematics

1. Waiver of the C rule – Student I

Motion: To approve the request (Yi/Ekici)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

2. Hold a GA with less than 3.0 Grad GPA – Student I

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Di Carmine)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

E. Public Health

1. Waiver of the C rule – Student J

Motion: To deny the request (Ekici/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

F. Quantitative Economics

1. Waiver of the C rule – Student K

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Ekici)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

G. Sociology

1. Late total University withdrawal – Student L

Motion: To approve the request (Ekici/Lung)
MOTION CARRIED: 7 YES – 0 NO – 1 AB

H. Theatre

1. Waiver of the C rule – Student M

Council considered the student's low grades along with a lack of departmental support.

Motion: To approve the request (Ekici/Yi)
MOTION FAILED: 3 YES – 4 NO – 1 AB

2. Hold a GA with less than a 3.0 Grad GPA – Student M

Petition could not be heard as waiver of C rule was not approved and non-degree students cannot hold an assistantship.

3. Transfer more than 6 hours of graduate coursework – Student N

Council discussed professor's support of student and considered that this is a terminal degree for Theatre. Council voted on allowing 12 hours of credit to transfer.

Motion: To approve the request (Lung/Yi)
MOTION CARRIED: 8 YES – 0 NO – 0 AB

Meeting adjourned: 3:53 p.m.