



GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held October 8, 2025

Present: Dean Kosteas, Associate Dean Jenkins, Professors Heath, Voight, Sun, Kumar, Gatica, Allena, Plecnik, Severson, Heus, Baumgartner, DeBoth Foust, Matcham, Marino, and Vitali; Kevin Neal, Venkata Teja K. Bandaru

Guests: Patrick Frato, Selma Koc, Jen-Yi Chen, Sebastian Brockhaus

Dean Kosteas called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

1. Introductions - None
2. Approve Agenda – **Approved with addition of Physics, MA proposal**
3. Approve Minutes
 - a. September 11, 2025 – **The minutes were approved**
4. New Business
 - a. Curriculum proposals
 - **Psychology, MA - 1140 - Fall 25 – Program Change**
 - Removal of GRE requirement for admission.
 - **Conditionally approved – needs cleanup of catalog copy**
 - **M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, Specialization in Computer Science Education - 1140 - Fall 25 – New Grad Program**
 - The Curriculum & Instruction (C&I) Master's Degree specializing in Computer Science Education program equips educators with comprehensive knowledge in computer science and educational technology, creating a pathway for career advancement in a field with increasing relevance. By leveraging existing courses from Computer Science Education Endorsement, Educational Technology, Gifted Education, and Data-Based Decision-Making Certificate programs, the proposed program provides a fully online learning experience. The program's curriculum is updated regularly to stay aligned with technological advancements and the needs of K-12 educators.
 - **Conditionally approved – need side-by-side comparison, will require full review by CCGS.**
 - **Business, MBA - 1140 - Fall 25 – Program Change**
 - Proposal to Replace OSM 624 (Global Operations Management) with OSM 525 (International Operations Management) for International Business Course requirement in the MBA Curriculum
 - **Conditionally approved**

- **Physics, MS - 1140 - Fall 25 – Program Change**

- The "Optics & Materials" specialization from the MS in Physics is being deactivated and consequently the catalog description has been updated. The number of credits in the program has also been changed from 32 to 30 credits, as appropriate for the remaining specialization.
- **Conditionally approved – need letter of support from the CAS Dean's Office**

- b. Courses in Curriculog for approval

- **Conditionally Approved: CHM 605, CHM 705, HIS 505**
- **Approved: CHM 690, CHM790, HIS 591, HIS 592**

5. Graduate Council Representation & Standing Committees --- Available reports

- a. Faculty Senate
 - HLC visit, President spoke about community partnerships
- b. University Admissions & Standards
 - GC representative needed
- c. University Curriculum Committee
- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
 - **SU25 Recommendations - Approved**
- e. Petitions Committee
 - Meeting today, large number of petitions
- f. Grade Dispute Committee
 - Meeting postponed
- g. Program Review Committee
 - Filled all positions, meetings will be scheduled for SP26
- h. University Research Council Committee
 - Internal awards to go out, student awards process discussed, PI account policies discussed
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee
 - Meeting to be scheduled

6. Discussion/action items

- a. Degree requirement waivers and substitutions
 - We see many instances of programs waiving 3 or more credit hours (upwards of 9 CH) from master's degree program requirements. This represents a significant departure from the approved CH for a program. In many cases, programs are waiving specific courses b/c the student took similar undergraduate courses. Under what conditions should programs be allowed to waive credit hours without further review and approval?
 - In some cases, we see programs make large-scale course substitutions, in some cases replacing upwards of 50% of the coursework with substitutions. This also represents a significant departure from the approved curriculum. At what point should these substitutions require further review and approval? (Setting aside cases where there is a teach out plan for a sunset program.)



- Will establish a working group to discuss – member from each college
- William Matcham (COH) volunteered
- b. **Review the C grades policy**
 - Current policy:
([https://catalog.csuohio.edu/content.php?catoid=47&navoid=4017#University Graduate Degree Requirements](https://catalog.csuohio.edu/content.php?catoid=47&navoid=4017#University_Graduate_Degree_Requirements))
 - Only eight credit hours of 400-level courses can be used to meet graduation requirements. The 400-level courses may not be offered by the department or program in which the master's degree would be awarded. No 100- to 300-level courses may be applied toward a graduate degree. The remainder of the course requirements must be graduate-level (500-to-800-level) courses. Master's degrees require a minimum of 30 semester credit hours for graduation. Doctoral degrees generally require the successful completion of at least 90 semester credit hours of work beyond the bachelor's degree or at least 60 semester credit hours beyond the master's degree.
 - Potential changes: State in terms of number of courses as opposed to number of credit hours.
 - Asking for 2-3 volunteers to serve on a working group to research alternatives and consider whether CSU should revise its current policy.

7. Updates/Announcements

- a. Prospective Grad Student Social – Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 4:30 – 6:30 p.m.

8. Items for future discussion

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00 noon.

All materials for review before the meeting are available on the University Curriculog web site for access by Council Members. (<https://csuohio.curriculog.com/proposals>)