



GRADUATE COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held November 6, 2025

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

Guests: Elena Andrei, Federico Galetto

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

1. Introductions - None

2. Approve Agenda - **Approved**

3. Approve Minutes

a. October 8, 2025 – **The minutes were approved**

4. New Business

a. Curriculum proposals

- **Prefix Changes of all TESOL courses -Graduate - School of Education and Counseling – Ad Hoc Proposal**

- Currently all TESOL courses have an EDL prefix, which is the same prefix for the literacy courses. Not having a specific prefix has led to confusions and lengthy explanations to various stakeholders in which we have to explain that even though all TESOL courses have the same prefix as literacy courses, they are not literacy. TESOL, which stands for teaching English to Speakers of other languages prepares educators to teach English to speakers of other languages.
- We plan to change the prefix from EDL to ETL.
- **Approved**

- **Mathematics, MS - 1170 - Fall 26 – Program Change**

- Change admission requirements
 - a. Minimum GPA for admission from 3.0 to 2.75
- Change total number of credits required for program from 36 to 30
- Change required/elective courses
- **Approved**

- **Course Deactivations - School of Urban Affairs – Ad Hoc Proposal**

- Deactivating the following courses
 - a. UST 300: Economics of Policy Analysis
 - b. UST 405: Methods of Research & Evaluation
 - c. UST 424: Inequality & Economic Development

- d. UST 453: Managing Urban Diversity
- e. UST 455: Gender & Leadership
- f. UST 463: Housing Analysis
- g. UST 517: Public Administration & the Political Process
- h. UST 595: Environmental Seminar
- i. UST 603: Public Sector Economics
- j. UST 606: Evolution of Human Settlements
- k. UST 626/726: Workforce Development
- l. UST 630: Public Human Resources Management
- m. UST 634: Ethics in the Public Sector
- n. UST 734: Ethics in the Public Sector
- o. UST 635: Public Sector Information Management
- p. UST 653: Ecological Landscape Planning & Management
- q. UST 753: Ecological Landscape Planning & Management
- r. UST 656: Advanced Topics in Nonprofit Management
- s. UST 664: Neighborhood Development
- t. UST 672: Urban Simulations
- u. UST 683: Urban Issues in Action
- v. UST 715: Economic Development & Budget Policy
- **No Action by GC – route back to originator**
- **Accelerated Master of Science in Software Engineering Program - 1140 - Fall 25 – New Major Program**
 - Create an accelerated program that enables Computer Science and Data Science students to earn a Bachelor of Science in Computer Science or Data Science degree as well as a master's degree in software engineering in five years (BSCS/BSDS + MSSE).
 - **Conditionally Approved – route back to originator**
- **Electrical Engineering, MSEE - 1170 - Fall 26 – Program Change**
 - We propose removing the 600-level course requirements for MSEE students. Specifically:
 - a. For the thesis option, remove the sentence: “The coursework must include at least eight credit hours of 600-level EEC courses.”
 - b. For the course-only option, remove the phrase: “including at least twelve credit hours of 600-level EEC courses.”
 - c. For the project option, remove the sentence: “The coursework must include at least twelve credit hours of 600-level EEC courses.”
 - **No Action by GC – route back to originator**

- **Corporate Communication, Graduate Certificate - 1140 - Fall 25 – Program Discontinuation**

- The School of Communication has suspended admissions to our Masters program. Thus, this needs to be deactivated as it no longer exists.
- **Approved**

- **Change Prefix for Graduate CS Education Endorsement Courses - School of Education and Counseling – Ad Hoc Proposal**

- Currently all Computer Science Education Endorsement program courses have an EST prefix. Within the College, the EST prefix is typically used to designate field experience courses, which creates confusion when applied to Computer Science Education courses that are not field experiences. This has led to recurring questions from students, advisors, and external stakeholders, requiring lengthy explanations about why these courses appear to be field placements when in fact they are content- and methods-focused coursework.
- All Computer Science Education Endorsement program courses labeled as EST prefix will need to be changed to ECS prefix.
- Current Computer Science Education Endorsement Courses to be changed:
 - a. EST 520: Exploring Concepts in Computer Science for Educators (3 credits)
 - b. EST 521: Foundations of Programming I for Educators (3 credits)
 - c. EST 522: Foundations of Programming II for Educators (3 credits)
 - d. EST 523: Teaching Computer Systems and Structures (3 credits)
- **Approved**

- **Counseling, Clinical Mental Health, M.Ed. - 1140 - Fall 25 – Program Change**

- Remove the GRE from the program's admission criteria.
- **Approved**

- **Counseling, School, M.Ed. - 1140 - Fall 25 – Program Change**

- Remove the GRE from the program's admission criteria.
- **Approved**

b. Courses in Curriculog for approval

- **Conditionally Approved:** CHE 550, CHE 552, CIS 545, CIS 550, CIS 554, CIS 590, CIS 593
- **Approved:** EGT 518, HCA 625

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

- a. Faculty Senate
- b. University Admissions & Standards - GC representative needed
- c. University Curriculum Committee
- d. Graduate Faculty Review Committee
- e. Petitions Committee – canceled most recent meeting
- f. Grade Dispute Committee – meeting scheduled
- g. Program Review Committee - scheduling dates in early 2026
- h. University Research Council Committee
- i. Graduate Student Awards Committee

6. Discussion/action items

- a. Leave of Absence policy (see draft proposal and spreadsheet).
 - Lack of LOA policy currently at CSU
 - LOA policy would be a student success initiative
 - Please review the policy draft and talk to (your) college faculty
- b. “Accelerated Bachelor’s” degrees (90 credit hours degrees – see ODHE document and CCGS survey)
 - Discuss whether students with these degrees would be eligible for graduate study.
 - We currently do not accept international students with a 3-year degree.
 - Do we accept 90 CH bachelor’s degree into a master’s program?
 - The 90 CH bachelor's degree is geared toward work-force readiness to fill employment gaps.
- c. Accelerated Master’s degrees admissions process (see CCGS survey)
 - Standardize the admissions process and run through Slate
 - CSU has no standardized process currently.

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 11:40 a.m.

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>)