



GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES

April 27th, 2026

The Graduate Council met in person on Monday, April 27th, 2026, at 2:00pm. in Room #583, Close-Hipp Building.

Graduate Council members present: Dr. Bill Hauk, Chair; Drs. Beth Barnes, Rachel Bush, John Doering-White, Ashley Gess, Kevin Lu, Terrance McAdoo, Kirk Randazzo, Jill Stewart, Ari Streisfeld, Sriram Venkataraman, Rachel Williams, Mike Wirth, Mark Yancey, and Arunav Das (GSA).

Graduate Council members absent: Drs. Sourav Banerjee, Lorie Donelle, Andrew Graciano, Carolyn Harmon, Daniel Kilpatrick (excused), David Mott, Scott Parrott, Sanjib Sur, and Nick Watanabe.

Graduate School Representatives: Dr. Lara L. Anderson, Dr. Lingyu (Lucy) Yu, Dr. Aaron Marterer (excused), Dr. Matt Klopfenstein, Dale Moore (excused), Kamirah Williams (excused), and Wanda Barr.

Provost Office Representatives: Trena Houpp, Dr. LaTrice Ratcliff-Small, and Jenn Tilford

Guests: Harlan Smith (ISSS)

NOTE: These minutes will become final on May 11, 2026, if not challenged.

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Bill Hauk, Chair)
2. **Approval of the Minutes from March 23, 2026.** Approved actions by Graduate Council become effective 30 days after posting. A copy is available on the Graduate School website at: <https://bit.ly/3SvPO0E>.
The minutes from March were unanimously approved.
3. **Report of the Chair** (Bill Hauk)
Bill Hauk
 - Graduate Council membership updates. The Chair provided general updates regarding Graduate Council membership, including upcoming term expirations, continuity of service, and committee restaffing.
4. **Report of the Interim Dean of the Graduate School** (Lara Lomicka Anderson)
No report.
5. **Report of the Graduate Student Association** (Arunav Das)
Arunav Das

- GSA Updates:
 - o Newly elected Graduate Council Representative for AY 2026-2027 is Mukhtar Alaby.

6. Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee (Kirk Randazzo)

- Update on academic standards policy. See attachments.
- Revisions were approved by Graduate Council to take effect Fall 2026.

7. Report of the 500/600 Level Courses (Trena Houp)

This report is presented to Council for informational purposes only; no action is necessary.

500/600 Courses for April 2026 Grad Council

(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal). Total: 2

BIOL 636 (3) Sensory Biology (CCP: Fall 2027)

EDEX 692 (3) Partnerships in Early Childhood Special Education (CCP: Summer 2026; add online)

8. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations Total: 12 (Lingyu Yu)

Name: **Benjamin H. Meekins, Ph.D.**

Program: Department of Chemical Engineering

Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Paul T. Coman, Ph.D.**

Program: Department of Chemical Engineering

Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **John Meynard M. Tengco, Ph.D.**

Program: Department of Chemical Engineering

Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Sirivatch Shimpalee, Ph.D.**

Program: Department of Chemical Engineering

Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Salai C. Ammal, Ph.D.**

Program: Department of Chemical Engineering

Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Armin D. Ebner, Ph.D.**

Program: Department of Chemical Engineering

Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Robert J. Halle, Ph.D.**

Program: Arnold School of Public Health

Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Amy L. Fraley, Ph.D.**

Program: Arnold School of Public Health

Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Debra E. Krotish, Ph.D.**
Program: Arnold School of Public Health
Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Terrance M. McAdoo, Ph.D.**
Program: College of Education
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2032

Name: **Devin L. Randolph, Ph.D.**
Program: College of Education
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2032

Name: **Vernon Turner, Ph.D.**
Program: College of Education
Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2032

These nominations were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

9. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Matt Klopenstein for Daniel Kilpatrick)

Matt Klopenstein –

- Update on graduate student awards

10. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee (Beth Barnes)

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Total: 20

- **Artificial Intelligence in Business**, Certificate (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Talent Management in Business**, Certificate (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Business Administration, One-Year M.B.A.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Combination Degree MSBA and One-Year MBA** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Combination Degree in MSEM and MBA** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **International Business, I.M.B.A.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Mechanical Engineering, M.E.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Mechanical Engineering, M.S.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Civil Engineering, M.E.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Civil Engineering, M.S.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Civil Engineering, Ph.D.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Nuclear Engineering, M.E.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Nuclear Engineering, M.S.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Nuclear Engineering, Ph.D.** (Program Change: Fall 2026; add online)
- **Music, D.M.A.** (New Program: Fall 2026)
- **BIOS 740** (3) Functional Data Analysis for Digital Health (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **IBUS 716** (3) International Strategy (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **LAWH 704** (3) Health Care Advocacy and Policy (NCP: Summer 2026)
- **NURS 789** (3) Statistical and Research Methods for Nursing Practice (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **NURS 790** (3) Research Methods for Nursing (CCP: Fall 2027)

These proposals were unanimously approved by Graduate Council.

11. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Sriram Venkataraman)

Sriram Venkataraman

- Grade Change Appeal Case review. The case was reviewed in closed session. Upon return to open session, the committee recommendation was unanimously approved.

12. Other Committee Reports

None.

13. Old Business

None.

14. New Business

None.

15. Good of the Order

Reminder Dates:

- May 7: Doctoral Hooding Ceremony, Koger Center for the Arts, 10am.
- May 11: Next Graduate Council meeting on Monday, May 11th at 2:00pm via Microsoft Teams.
- May 11-22: Dissertation Writing Academy In person.
- June 8-26: Dissertation Writing Academy Online.

16. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 2:51p.m.

Lara L. Anderson, Interim Dean

CC: Michael Amiridis, President
Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Provost
Lara L. Anderson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School
Deans
Department Chairs
Graduate Directors
Aaron Marterer, Interim Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education
Elaine Belesky, Office of the Registrar
Malia Kiehl, Office of the Registrar
Ed Short, Office of the Registrar

Graduate Council Curriculum Committee Proposals in Queue

As of 4/20/2026

Proposals detailed below are currently in the Graduate Council Curriculum Committee queue and up for review and approval this academic term. If you have any questions regarding the information shared or a particular proposal, please reach out to Trena Houpp at thoupp@sc.edu.

Courses

Course Title	Course Description
EDLP 714: Evidence Based Improvement in P12	Systems analysis and improvement science through a continuous improvement approach for educational leaders (e.g., teacher leaders) within their context.
EDTE 842: Discourse Analysis for Educational Research	Theories and applications of discourse analysis as a tool for examining classroom conversations/texts and research data that involves words, images, and texts.
MUSC 701: Experiential Learning in Music	Application of musical knowledge and skills in real-world situations, usually involving off-campus experiences.
GEOL 899: Dissertation Preparation	Dissertation Preparation
HTMT 780: Seminar in Travel and Tourism	Issues in travel and tourism.
HTMT 895: Ph.D. Graduate Seminar in Hospitality Management	This interactive seminar addresses topics related to research, teaching, grant writing, and professional development for doctoral students. The course aims to support the development of independent scholars and effective educators prepared for academic careers in hospitality and tourism management.
HTMT 899: Dissertation	Assists students through the proposal and dissertation writing process.
ISCI 733: E-Resources Management	Introduction to methods and problems in acquiring, licensing, organizing, and accessing electronic resources, emphasizing the special features of eBooks, scholarly resources, and open access materials.
NURS 725: Education: Curriculum and Evaluation	The course introduces principles of curriculum development, design, implementation, and evaluation. Evaluation measures explore internal and external components that reflect contemporary health care trends and educational expectations and prepare graduates to function effectively in the various roles of the nurse educator.
ITEC 749: Principles of Informatics	Integration of information technology across the business spectrum. Underlying technological developments and important business drivers of performance. Digital technology's role in relation to three major components of business performance improvement: people, processes and technology.
ITEC 760: Cyberinfrastructure and Information Assurance	Information Technology (IT) elements of the cyberinfrastructure; information assurance and security in the modern cyberinfrastructure; design and secure advanced

	systems that use, process, transmit, and store of information.
<u>ITEC 766: IT Project Management</u>	Application of project management tools to document key components of the implementation of a real-world information technology projects.
<u>ITEC 772: Database Systems</u>	Fundamentals, design, implementation and management of database systems that form the foundation for information systems and data analytics.
<u>ITEC 785: Enterprise Data Analytics</u>	Mathematical and software tools and quantitative reasoning to the analysis of enterprise data. Fundamental concepts and essential skills in data analytics. Critical and creative thinking about quantitative and qualitative problems involving enterprise data.
<u>ITEC 786: Advanced Enterprise Data Analytics</u>	Advanced concepts, issues, and trends in data analytics. Critical thinking and quantitative and qualitative analytical skills essential for Healthcare, Engineering, and Business among many others.
<u>EDET 725: Emerging Technologies for Education</u>	Examining emerging technologies and their influence on teaching and learning, across various educational contexts; structured engagement with technological trends, pedagogical applications, and ethical considerations shaping educational practices.
<u>ITEC 787: Advanced Data Analytics Tools</u>	Software tools in data analytics. Advanced analytics techniques. Case studies and problem sets from multiple enterprise domains.
<u>COMD 813: Applications of Statistical Methods for COMD research</u>	This doctoral seminar is designed for communication sciences and disorders doctoral students who have foundational knowledge in quantitative methods and statistics. The purpose of the course is to strengthen their effective application of statistics to their own research programs, including increasing knowledge and capacity to evaluate statistical assumptions, diagnostics, and interpretation of findings. The course will also introduce multiple options for advanced statistical analysis and approaches for selecting statistical analyses that align with research questions driven by the literature.
<u>ITEC 761: Management of Cyberinfrastructure</u>	Techniques, technologies, and management tools used in modern cyberinfrastructure, including software-defined data centers, next-generation software-defined networking (NG-SDN), and cloud systems.
<u>EDLP 733: Systems of Education Law and Policy</u>	An introduction to the systems and decision-making of PK-12 and higher education law and policy. Topics include FERPA, educational policy, teachers' rights, funding, first amendment protections, and other issues that impact the legal system of PK-20 schooling.
<u>ITEC 742: Enterprise Network Management</u>	Management of enterprise networks, including switched Local Area Networks (LANs), Wide Area Networks (WANs), data centers and cloud systems; monitoring and optimization of networks; emerging network technologies.

Programs

Title	Status
<u>TBA: Business Administration/Executive Healthcare Leadership, P.M.B.A./D.N.P</u>	Added
<u>undefined: Business Administration/Clinical Expert, P.M.B.A./D.N.P</u>	Added
<u>3GED339AMS: Adapted Physical Education, M.S.</u>	Edited
<u>undefined: School Library Studies, Certificate</u>	Added
<u>3GHM930APHD: Hospitality Management, Ph.D.</u>	Edited
<u>3GHM932AMIHT: International Hospitality and Tourism Management, M.I.H.T.M.</u>	Edited
<u>3GLS730AMSL: Health Systems Law, M.S.L.</u>	Edited
<u>undefined: Earth and Environmental Science, MS</u>	Added
<u>undefined: Earth and Environmental Science, Ph.D.</u>	Added