

UNIVERSITY GRADUATE COUNCIL

MINUTES

March 4, 2026

10:30 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

LJH 325

Council in Attendance:

Marc Giullian (Business)
Chris Livingston (Architecture)
Amy Reines (Sciences)
Katey Franklin (Health & Human Development)
Sweeney Windchief (Education)
Rollin Beamish (Arts)
Ryan Thum (Agriculture)
Sarah Mannheimer (Library)
Kari Perry (Student Representative)
Stephan Warnat (Engineering)
Katherine Johnston (Letters)
Molly Secor (Nursing)
Akash Gulati (Student Representative)
Deborah Haynes (Dean of The Graduate School)

Also in Attendance:

Emily Peters (Graduate School)
Lauren Cerretti (Graduate School)

Absent

Anna French (Student Representative)
Sally Mudiamu (Office of International Programs)
Doug Downs (Faculty Senate)

Meeting started at 10:33 a.m.

February 18, 2026 minutes

Motion to approve by Livingston, Thum 2nd, unanimous approval, motion passes

Announcements

- Graduate School update
 - Crawford Scholarship
 - Showcase on Thursday, April 16th from 4-6pm in Romney 008
 - Reviewing Crawford scholarships for next year
 - Three Minute Thesis Competition: 6-8pm in Inspiration Hall
 - Last year's winner will be participating in regional competition at WAGS
 - GS Staffing updates

- Faculty Senate update
 - Downs not in attendance, but sent updates: discussed strategic planning process, Faculty Senate bylaws, university policies
 - CAPS presenting at today's Faculty Senate meeting

Old Business

- Implementation of Learning Outcomes for 590/690
 - Chair Warnat will draft a template and email to Council before spring break
- Academic Standing and Appeal Policies
 - Provost stated that Academic Standing policy is non-substantive change, but majority stated substantial change
 - 1st reading at UGC
 - No new discussion, previously approved in the fall
 - Chair Warnat will send to campus for feedback

New Business

- UGC Bylaws Review/Discussion
 - Section 2 Purpose and Duties: "Advise the Dean of the Graduate School," "Make recommendations...and forward decisions to the Dean of the Graduate School"
 - Recommend changing to reflect that UGC is a voting body
 - Suggest adding section 3 that codifies governing authority
 - Vote on graduate school policies
 - Q: Impact of new Vice Provost of Graduate Education?
 - Discussion on history/inception of UGC
 - Governance committee will meet and review the bylaws

Subcommittee updates

- Curriculum subcommittee
 - Reviewing changes in CIM (e.g., counseling rubric changes)
- Graduate student updates
 - International student concerns
 - Discussion
 - Graduate Student Leadership Council (GSLC): recruiting new members – if you have any students that may be interested to start this fall, please get them in contact with GSLC

Adjourned at 11:50 am

Next scheduled meeting – April 1, 2026