

GRADUATE COUNCIL MINUTES
Thursday, July 16, 2026 – Email Meeting

Email Voters, Present: Naheed Abdulrahim, Sharon Campbell, Ngan Chau, Bree Dority, Janet Graham, Mary Harner, Angela Hollman, Christopher Strickland, Erin Sweeney, Frank Tenkorang, Doug Tillman, Michelle Warren, Melissa Wuellner, Linda Johnson and Megan Adkins

Absent: Torsten Homberger, Whitney Schneider-Cline, Laurinda Weisse, Emily Conrad, Brenton Keese, and Mariana Paredes

I. Approval of the April 9, 2026, Minutes –

The April 23, 2026 amended minutes were approved via email (Strickland/Wuellner). Motion carried.

II. Graduate Studies Report

Interim Dean:

A. Approval of 2026 Summer Graduates

The slate of Spring 2026 graduates was approved (Strickland/Abdulrahim). Motion carried.

Assistant Dean:

No Report

Associate Dean Engagement and Retention:

No Report

III. Committee Reports

A. Policy & Planning Committee – No Report

B. Academic Programs Committee – No Report

C. Faculty & Student Affairs Committee – No Report

IV. Other Business

Grade Appeal - Revisions to the Graduate Grade Appeal Policy needed to be made. Lisa Neal wanted the language regarding the Registrar's Office to be changed. Revised Graduate Grade Appeal Policy is attached to this agenda. Please be advised this went in the catalog.

A student representative from CBT and CAS are needed to serve on Graduate Council next year. CAS and CBT council members please provide the name of the identified student in which we can contact to share information about serving.

Thank you all for your service on the council this year. A special thank you to those who are finishing their terms—we appreciate your time, effort, and dedication.

Wishing everyone a relaxing and enjoyable summer! The updated roster and meeting schedule will be emailed to you soon.

V. Announcements

Summer Commencement is Friday, July 31, 2026

Summer Graduation Hooders

Ben Bracle, Industrial Technology (CBT)
Sharon Oabasi, Counseling School Psychology & Family Science (COE)
Will Stoutamire, History (CAS)
Christine Fisher, Teacher Education (COE)

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Courtney Crocker – Speech Language Pathology Online (COE)

The Graduate Council Retreat is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2026, from 10:30 AM to 12:00 PM in CMCT 101.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Rhinehart