

Graduate Curriculum Committee Meeting Report
Zoom Meeting
Thursday, October 16, 2025

Committee Members present: Chair, Erin Whiteside; Jennifer Akerman, Mehmet Aydeniz, Luis Finotti, Chasidy Harris (GSS), Patricia Higgins, Katherine Montgomery, Kim Newkirk (proxy for Chika Okafor), Jim Ostrowski, Jennifer Patrick, and Dan Wilson.

Colleges/Units attending: Herbert College of Agriculture, Chris Stripling; College of Architecture and Design, Katherine Ambroziak; College of Arts and Sciences, Liam Tran, Lori Mitchell and Cat Cox; Haslam College of Business, Amy Cathey; College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences, Pam Angelle; Tickle College of Engineering, Michael Danquah; Comparative and Experimental Medicine, Agricola Odoi; Natalie L. Haslam College of Music, Brendan McConville

Also in attendance: Graduate Council Chair, Greg Kaplan; Graduate Council Chair-elect, Louis Rocconi; Graduate School: Marieke Van Puymbroeck, Marla Bruner, Carl Collins, Catherine Cox, and Grace Favier; Accreditation/SACSCOC, Ashley Browning; Online Programs, Jennifer Gramling.

Chair, Erin Whiteside, called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

- Items on the agenda today include the Courses Not Taught in 4 or More Years Report and the Cycle 2 Curriculum proposals. Four colleges have Cycle 2 proposals for review. College of Communication and Information; College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences; College of Emerging and Collaborative Studies and Howard Baker School.

We will use the spreadsheet sent with the agenda for our reviews. I hope everyone reviewed the 4 or More Report and the Curriculum proposals.

- We will first review the Courses Not Taught in 4 or More Years Report. The courses are shaded as to the review of the courses.
 - Courses shaded in blue are courses the departments marked to drop. We have 56 courses shaded in blue. We will have a poll to vote to drop those courses.

Poll voting results: committee voted to drop as noted on report.

- Courses shaded in green are courses that are in the report for the first time. These courses are marked to retain and should have a rationale to retain and provide a semester when the course will be taught. We will have a poll to approve as marked.

Poll voting results: committee voted to retain as noted on report

- Courses shaded in yellow are courses that are in the report for a second year. These courses are marked to retain and should have a rationale to retain and provide a semester when the course will be taught. We will have a poll to approve as marked.

Poll voting results: committee voted to retain as noted on report

- Courses shaded in red have appeared in the report more than 2 times and the department has marked to retain them. We have 11 courses shaded in red to review. Note some of these courses have not been taught in 7 or more years. We will review and discuss these courses separately.

- ❖ CHEM 553: discussion; they note the course will be taught spring 2027.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.

- ❖ POLS 571: discussion; they did not give a semester the course will be taught. **With no semester given the Committee voted to DROP the course. Note:** an email was sent to the Political Science department to alert them that the Curriculum Committee voted to DROP course POLS 571. The email provided instructions that if they want to retain the course, they are invited to attend the October 30 Graduate Council meeting to give justification for retaining the course and to provide a semester the course will be taught.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to **DROP** course POLS 571.

- ❖ SOCI 633: discussion; they note the course will be taught spring 2027.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.
- ❖ CSE 511: discussion; they note they would like to keep the course until they complete program review and decide which courses are needed.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.
- ❖ MEDU 550: discussion; they note they would like to keep the course until they complete program review and decide which courses are needed.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.
- ❖ MEDU 622: discussion; they note they would like to keep the course until they complete program review and decide which courses are needed.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.
- ❖ SCED 596: discussion; they note they would like to keep the course until they complete program review and decide which courses are needed.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.
- ❖ ESS 511: discussion; they note the course will be taught fall 2026 or spring 2027.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.
- ❖ ENVE 655: discussion; they note the course will be taught spring 2027. However: as ENVE 655 has not been taught since spring 2015, the committee will look closely at this course next year.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.
- ❖ COSC 557: discussion; they noted the course will be taught fall 2026.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to retain as marked on the report.
- ❖ MSE 630: discussion; they did not give a semester the course will be taught. **With no semester given the Committee voted to DROP the course.** **Note:** an email was sent to the Materials Science and Engineering department to alert them that the Curriculum Committee voted to DROP course MSE 630. The email provided instructions that if they want to retain the course, they are invited to attend the October 30 Graduate Council meeting to give justification for retaining the course and to provide a semester the course will be taught.
Poll voting results: Committee voted to **DROP** course POLS 571.

UPDATE: MSE dept replied to email to communicate they have agreed to drop MSE 630.

Curriculum Proposals submitted for review:

College of Communication and Information

- 2 course proposals: 1 course add (INSC 578) and 1 course revise (ADPR 516).
- 2 program revisions: Communication and Information, MS

College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences

- 2 course proposals: 1 course add (INSC 578) and 1 course revise (ADPR 516).

College of Emerging and Collaborative Studies

- 1 course proposal: add course CYBR 520

Howard H. Baker Jr. School of Public Policy and Public Affairs

- 2 course proposals: 1 drop (HBS 553) and revise (HBS 584).

Each college's proposals were reviewed and asked if there were questions, concerns, or discussion. After any discussion or clarification, a poll was launched to vote to approve, not approve, or abstain.

After review and discussion of all curricular submissions, the curriculum proposals were approved as presented.

The Graduate Curriculum report moves forward and is recommended to Graduate Council for approval.

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AGENDA

I. Courses Not Taught in 4 or More Years Report

- There are 109 courses on this year's report

II. Cycle 2 Curriculum submissions ([Cycle 2 Graduate Curriculum Proposals](#))

- College of Communication and Information
 - 2 course proposals (1 add, 1 revise)
 - 2 program revisions (revised courses for programs)
- College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences
 - 5 course proposals (2 adds, 2 drops, 1 revise)
- College of Emerging and Collaborative Studies
 - 1 course proposal (Add)
- Howard H. Baker Jr. School of Public Policy and Public Affairs
 - 2 course proposals (1 drop, 1 revise)

Steps for reviewing proposals:

- 1) Log in to Curriculog/Curriculum / [Office of the University Registrar](#)
- 2) Be sure to log in before you begin to review the proposals
 - Go to: [2026-2027 GR Cycle 2 Curriculum Agenda](#)
 - See "Proposals" at bottom of page. click on 2026-2027 Cycle 2 GR Agenda
 - At right, see Attachments and click on 2026-2027 Cycle 2 GR Agenda to download the agenda.
 - Embedded links direct users back to individual proposals in MCC.
 - Enable editing and hover over cells in the "Action column" to see a brief version of rationale.
- 3) [Save a copy](#) of the spreadsheet and add a column for your questions or concerns.
- 4) **Note: Do not change the sorting** as that is the order of how the proposals will be reviewed.
- 5) Note: tabs at bottom of spreadsheet
 - First tab is main tab showing all curriculum items
 - Other tabs are the college/unit tabs

**Cycle 2 Graduate Curriculum proposals – Summary Agenda
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College curriculum proposals

- **College of Communication and Information**
 - 2 course proposals: 1 course add (INSC 578 and 1 revise (ADPR 516)
 - 2 program revisions: Communication and Information, MS
- **College of Education, Health, and Human Sciences**
 - 2 add courses (PUBH 532 and PUBH 543)
 - 2 drop courses (PUBH 610 and PUBH 687)
 - 1 course revise (IEC 511)
- **College of Emerging and Collaborative Studies**
 - 1 course add (CYBR 520)
- **Howard H. Baker Jr. School of Public Policy and Public Affairs**
 - 2 course proposals: 1 drop course (HBS 553) and 1 revise course (HBS 584)

Total proposals: 12

All items were approved as reported above and are recommended to the Graduate Council for approval.

The meeting adjourned at 4:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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