



## GRADUATE COUNCIL AGENDA

September 28, 2026

To: Graduate Council

Dr. Kirk Randazzo, Chair; Drs. Beth Barnes, Natasha Brison, Rachel Bush, Ashley Gess, Andrew Graciano, Bill Hauk, Margaret Janse van Rensburg, Daniel Kilpatrick, Kevin Lu, Terrance McAdoo, David Mott, Caryn Outten, Ari Streisfeld, Sanjib Sur, Jing Wen, Rachel Williams, Mike Wirth, Mark Yancey, and Mukhtar Alabi (GSA).

CC: President Michael Amiridis, Provost Mary Anne Fitzpatrick, Trena Houpp, Deans, Department Chairs, Graduate Directors, and Graduate Program Administrators

From: Dr. Lara Lomicka Anderson, Interim Dean of the Graduate School

The Graduate Council will meet in person on Monday, September 28, 2026, **at 2:00 p.m. in Room #583, Close-Hipp Building.**

1. **Call to Order and Approval of Agenda** (Kirk Randazzo, Chair)
2. **Approval of the Minutes from August 24, 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>.
3. **Report of the Chair** (Kirk Randazzo)
4. **Report of the Interim Dean of the Graduate School** (Lara Lomicka Anderson)
5. **Report of the Associate Vice Provost for Graduate Education** (Aaron Marterer)
6. **Report of the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs and Student Engagement** (Lucy Yu)
7. **Report of the Graduate Student Association** (Mukhtar Alabi)
8. **Report of the Academic Policy and Practices Committee** (Bill Hauk)
9. **Report of the 500/600 Level Courses** (Trena Houpp)

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

### **500/600 Courses for September 2026 Grad Council**

(CCP = Course Change Proposal; NCP=New Course Proposal). Total: 12

**BIOL 690** (4) Electron Microscopy (CCP: Fall 2027)  
**ELCT 553** (3) Electromechanical Energy Conversion (CCP: Fall 2027)  
**ELCT 541** (3) Sensors of Biomedicine (Inactivation: Fall 2027)  
**ELCT 559** (3) Special Topics in Distributed Energy Resources for Electric Energy Systems (Inactivation: Fall 2027)  
**ELCT 582** (3) Semiconductor Laboratory (Inactivation: Fall 2027)  
**HTMT 557** (3) Security Management of Hotels and Restaurants (Inactivation: Fall 2027)  
**HTMT 567** (3) Timeshare and Vacation Ownership Management (Inactivation: Fall 2027)  
**HTMT 570** (3) Managing Food Service Operations (Inactivation: Fall 2027)  
**HTMT 597** (3) Global Travel and Tourism (Inactivation: Fall 2027)  
**MUED 551** (2) The Middle School Band (CCP: Fall 2027)  
**MUED 552** (2) The High School Band (CCP: Fall 2027)  
**WGST 541/NURS 541** (3) Reproductive Health Controversies in Global Perspective (CCP: Fall 2027)

#### 10. Associate Graduate Faculty Nominations Total: 8 (Lingyu [Lucy] Yu)

Name: **Dr. Matthew Drescher, Ph.D.**  
 Program: Department of Exercise Science  
 Term: Fall 2026 – Summer 2032

Name: **Dr. Scott Roeder, Ph.D.**  
 Program: Department of Marketing  
 Term: Spring 2026 – Fall 2032

Name: **Dr. Quantina Haggwood, Ph.D.**  
 Program: Leadership, Learning Design, and Inquiry  
 Term: Fall 2026 – Summer 2032

Name: **Dr. Mazen Aziz, Ph.D.**  
 Program: Department of Management  
 Term: Fall 2026 – Summer 2032

Name: **Dr. Brian Silverstein, Ph.D.**  
 Program: Department of Finance  
 Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Dr. Ellison Smith, Ph.D.**  
 Program: Department of Finance  
 Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Dr. Prateek Sharma, Ph.D.**  
 Program: Department of Finance  
 Term: Summer 2026 – Spring 2032

Name: **Dr. Tanya Greenlee, Ph.D.**  
 Program: School of Accounting  
 Term: Fall 2026 – Summer 2032

#### 11. Fellowships and Scholarships Committee (Daniel Kilpatrick)

## **12. Report of the Graduate Curriculum Committee (Rachel Bush)**

Below is a list of proposals reviewed by the Committee. Total: 19

- **Physics, Ph.D.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Education Administration, M.Ed.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Journalism and Mass Communications, M.M.C.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Environmental Law and Sustainability, Certificate** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Music, M.M.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Music Performance, M.M.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Music Education, M.A.T. (P-12 Certification)** Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Music Education, M.M.Ed.** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **Disasters and Climate-Ready Public Health, Certificate** (Program Change: Fall 2027)
- **DANC 799 (1-6) Thesis Project in Dance** (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **EDLP 731** (3) People-First Leadership in Modern Education Workplaces (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **EDLP 736** (3) Ethics in Educational Leadership (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **EDLP 738** (3) Journey of Self Reflection for Effective Leadership (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **EDLP 739** (3) Opportunities and Challenges Associated with People-Centered Leadership (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **ELCT 762** (3) Signal Integrity for High-Speed Circuits (Inactivation: Fall 2027)
- **ELCT 766** (3) Solid-State Lighting & Semiconductor Optoelectronics (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **ELCT 862** (3) Antennas and Radiation (CCP: Fall 2027)
- **ELCT 881** (3) Advances in Pulsed Power (Inactivation: Fall 2027)
- **SOWK 731** (3) Motivational Interviewing for Social Work Practice (CCP: Spring 2027 – add online)

**Under Other – The Center for Integrative and Experiential Learning and Faculty Senate approved adding the Experiential Learning Opportunity Designator to the following two graduate courses (Trena Houp)**

- **MUSC 734B** (0-1) Ensemble – Wind Ensemble (Fall 2027)
- **MUSC 734S** (0-1) Ensemble – Symphony Orchestra (Fall 2027)

## **13. Report of the Grievances, Appeals and Petitions Committee (Mark Yancey)**

- Committee Bylaws Update

## **14. Other Committee Reports**

### **15. Old Business**

- Regulatory Updates – Harlan Smith, Director, International Student and Scholar Support

### **16. New Business**

- Academic Bulletin Updates - Trena Houp and Jenn Tilford, Academic Program Planning and Decision Support (APPS)

## **17. Good of the Order**

Reminder Dates:

October 26: Next Graduate Council meeting on Monday, October 26th at 2:00pm, Close-Hipp Building, Room #583.

November 6: Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition--Preliminaries, 10-11:30AM, Close-Hipp

November 13: Three-Minute Thesis (3MT) Competition—Finals, Location and Time TBA

## **18. Adjournment**

**Graduate Council Curriculum Committee Proposals in Queue**  
**Proposals as of 9/22/2026**

**Courses**

| Course and Title                                                                              | Course Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Status |
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| <a href="#"><u>ITEC 796: Independent Study in Information Technology</u></a>                  | Independent study in association with a directing instructor on a topic not covered in standard classes. Contract approved by instructor, advisor, and graduate program director.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | Added  |
| <a href="#"><u>EMCH 795: Optimal State Estimation</u></a>                                     | Introduction to state-space dynamic systems and systems with noisy inputs. Theory and application of Kalman filters and Particle Filters for state estimation, information fusion, multitarget tracking, and data association. Special focus on the discrete linear Kalman filter, the extended Kalman filter (EKF), and the unscented Kalman filter (UKF). MATLAB simulations will provide design experience and insight into intelligent control system design. | Added  |
| <a href="#"><u>GEOL 724: Scanning Electron Microscopy and Microanalysis</u></a>               | Use and applications of scanning electron microscope instrumentation for imaging and microanalysis of mineral and other inorganic, crystalline materials. Two lecture and two laboratory hours per week.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Edited |
| <a href="#"><u>ITEC 762: Health Information Technology Usability and Interface Design</u></a> | Overview of the analysis, design, and usability of health information systems. Includes consideration of computer interfaces, Web portals, and patient portals.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Edited |
| <a href="#"><u>FAME 771: Narrative Film</u></a>                                               | Advanced study of narrative.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Edited |

**Programs**

| Title                                                                        | Status  |
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| <a href="#"><u>3GEC922AMHIT: Health Information Technology, M.H.I.T.</u></a> | Deleted |

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| <u>COMBO024: Health Information Technology/Pharmacy,<br/>M.H.I.T./Pharm.D.</u> | <b>Deleted</b> |
| <u>Battery Science and Engineering Graduate Certificate</u>                    | <b>New</b>     |