

Graduate Council Meeting No. 568 February 3, 2025 via Zoom | Minutes

Council Members Present: Emilijia Djurdjevic, Marta Gomez-Chiarri, Marc Hutchison, Hans Saint-Eloi Cadely, Brett Still, Ali Akanda, Karen Morse, Marie Mortreux, Quinn Tucker, Ami Vyas, Karolina Wojcik, Sarah Behm, Araceli Bonifant, Minsuk Shim, Yang Shen, David Rowley, Susan DeSanto-Madeya,

Council Members Absent: Emmett Goods

Graduate School Present: Jessica Coyle, Cara Mitnick, Colleen Mouw, Brenton DeBoef, Kimberly Jimenez, Corinne Kulesh, Cara Mitnick

I. Call to order

★ *The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm by Chair Saint-Eloi Cadely.*

II. Approval of Minutes - [Meeting No. 567, January 13, 2025](#)

- ★ *Motion to approve the minutes for meeting no. 567*
- *Approved*

III. New Business

A. Graduate Manual Revisions

1. [Section 10.22](#) *Associate Dean Mouw proposed a change to the student appeal process, suggesting an extension from 5 days to 15 days for students to appeal after receiving a dismissal notice. The proposed change was approved by the committee.*
2. [Appendix A.26.24](#) *The committee made several changes to the election process for the Appeals Board, including moving the secretary role to the new executive assistant in the grad school and changing the election cycle to every two calendar years. The election by the Grad Council shall be 2 members and 2 alternates every other year. These changes were also approved.*
3. [Appendix A.26.1.5](#) *Dean Deboef presented the following changes to the student rights section of the Graduate Manual, which were approved by the committee.*
 - a) *The student can receive credits while the appeal is in process, but no degree should be granted.*
 - b) *Graduation from a program is not possible if a student is dismissed.*
 - c) *The student cannot transfer to another program while the appeal is in process.*

IV. Announcements

A. New Graduate School Staff (DeBoef)

1. Two searches were completed. Kim Jimenez will be the new executive assistant for the Graduate School, the secretary of the Graduate Council, and the appeals board. Natalie Lundsteen is the new career advisor working with Professional Development.
- B. Professional Development (*Mitnick*)
 1. New website for career and events.
- C. Fellowship & Assistantship Announcement (*Mouw*)
 1. Applications for the Dean's Fellowships and the Tuition Fellowships are currently being reviewed.
 2. Federal government executive orders on DEI have affected the Dean's Diversity Fellowship so it's no longer listed until the eligibility criteria is reevaluated.
- D. Recent appointments to the Graduate Faculty (*Mouw*)

<i>Joseph Schrader, Research Professor, COP</i>	<i>Chang Liu, Research Professor, COP</i>
<i>Leah Heilig, Assistant Professor, CAS</i>	<i>Ore Gottlieb, Outside Scholar, CAS</i>

V. Graduate Curriculum (Kuali Agenda) (*Mouw*)

COURSE CHANGES (*vote by college*)

COLLEGE OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LIFE SCIENCES

BTC 571 | Biotechnology Product Evaluation and Development **Change in course title, course code, and description**

(3 crs.) The process through which candidate products produced using recombinant DNA technology are evaluated for safety and efficacy, including conductance of clinical trials, economic issues, and regulatory affairs. (Lec. 3/Online) Pre: graduate standing and permission of chairperson.

★ *Approved*

NEW COURSES (*vote by college*)

COLLEGE OF BUSINESS

MBA 534 | FinTech Law **Change in course code**

(3 crs.) Introduction to key legal and regulatory challenges FinTech firms in various sectors face, and the critical policy debates that are occurring in Washington D.C. and state capitals across the country. (Online)

★ *Approved*

GRADUATE SCHOOL OF OCEANOGRAPHY

TABLED OCE 576 | Principles of Sonar, Underwater Sound and Undersea System, Effective Spring 2025

(3 crs.) Principles and fundamentals of sonar, underwater sound, and undersea system engineering. Passive and active sonar top level design and tradeoffs are discussed. (Lec. 3). Pre: Permission of instructor.

VI. Graduate New Program & Tracks (Kuali Agenda) (*Kulesh*)

PROGRAMS MODIFICATIONS (*vote by program*)

No program modifications at this time

NEW CERTIFICATES OR SPECIALIZATIONS *(vote by program)*

COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING

Underwater Acoustics - Cert, Effective Fall 2025

This graduate certificate is an option for students from engineering, oceanography, or other fields who would like to have graduate preparation in underwater acoustics.

Program Requirements

OCE571, and three (3) courses from the following: OCE472, OCE555, OCE561, OCE572, OCE575, OCE576, OCE661, OCE672, OCE673

★ *Approved pending the approval of OCE576*

NEW PROGRAMS *(vote by program)*

No new program proposals at this time

VII. Adjournment

★ *Chairperson Saint-Eloi Cadely asked for a motion to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 2:43 p.m.*