

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 9, 2025

Present:

Christine Dee, Jane Fiske, Nirajan Mani, Kyle Moody, Daniel Sarefield, Renee Scapparone, Ricky Sethi, Robert Shapiro, Deborah Stone, David Weiss, Mahmoud Al-Odeh, Mojdeh Bayat, Denise Bertrand

Absent:

Becky Copper-Glenz, Barbara Cormier

Visitors:

Dustin Halterman, Lisa Moison

Elected Graduate Council Chair:

Renee Scapparone - Vote: Unanimous

Elected Graduate Council Vice Chair:

Deborah Stone - Vote: Unanimous

Motion to Open the Meeting:

Deb Stone **Second:** Kyle Moody

Motion to elect Shirajum Munira as Student Representative:

Vote: Unanimous

Motion to Review and Approve May 1, 2025 Minutes as written:

Vote: Yes=9, Abstain=3

Non-Substantive Program Change Request Review

No changes to review.

Motion to Review Proposal SGOCE-25-26-01

David Weiss **Second:** Mojdeh Bayat

Proposals:

SGOCE-25-26-01 – EDUC - New Graduate Course Proposal - Writing Content for All Students PreK thru 6 (Dustin Halterman)

We would like to make EDUC 7218 a permanent course. It was taught the last 2 years as a Topics course. It is brought to the table because graduate students need a few more elective options. The majority of these students are in the Pedagogy and Learning Program, however we have many other students take it in the Reading Specialist and Elementary and Early Childhood courses. If they have already brought in coursework that has shown their understanding of the literacy courses that we offer in the Plan of Study, we allow them to swap it out for an elective.

This course has never been asked to be taught by arrangement because it always met the minimum criteria, so it shows that the students want it.

It is also stressing a need to create stronger teachers in Reading and Writing as well.

Motion to Approve Proposal SGOCE-25-26-01 as written

David Weiss **Second:** Deborah Stone

Vote: Unanimous

Items for the Floor: None.

Discussion Items: None.

Next Meeting Date: November 6, 2025

Motion to Approve Moving Modality of all Future Meetings to Virtual - Vote: Unanimous

Motion to Adjourn: Deborah Stone

Second: Ricky Sethi

Vote: Unanimous