

## **Graduate Council Meeting Minutes**

Thursday, December 4, 2025

**Present:** Becky Copper-Glenz, 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

**Visitors:** Barbara Cormier, Amber Deschenes

**Motion to Open the Meeting:** Ricky Sethi

**Second:** Kyle Moody

**Motion to Approve November 6th Minutes as written:** These are not available at the moment. Will be updated soon.

**Non-Substantive Program Change Request Review - EDUC 7700**

**Any question:** None

### **Proposals:**

**Renee Scapparone:** Do I have a motion to bring proposal 25-26-08 to the table?

Motion: Deb Stone

Second: Ricky Sethi

### **SGOCE 25-28-08 - New Course Supervised Experiential Learning in ABA**

**Robert Shapiro:** We currently offer a program that prepares people to take the exam to become board certified board analysts. The governing body up until 2032 has allowed that to take place for students completing a non-specific masters that includes specific coursework in behavioral analysis. Starting in 2032 programs that are preparing people for certification are going to have to be accredited. Part

of that is that all students are going through a specific graduate program in applied behavior analysis. Which means we have to make a couple of changes in our current program. There's an expectation with programs that are accredited that they must contain a thesis project. The first half of the project will take place in this course. The second half will take place in the following course.

The other requirement is that students will have to have 90 hours of direct supervision in the field by an existing board certified behavior analyst. There has always been a requirement for students looking to be certified to have field experience but it hasn't been a requirement that is embedded in the graduate program. Now it is a requirement to be embedded in the graduate program.

45 of the 90 direct supervision hours along with a comprehensive literature review and laying the groundwork for the thesis project will come in the second course.

Barbara Cormier: The course description is 108 words. It can not be any longer than 50 words. Also the prerequisites are identified as an approved field experience site before registration, how is that going to be managed as that is not something we could program?

Robert Shapiro: I will cut it down to 50 words and it will be zero seating.

Jane Fiske: The course objectives and learning objectives are not on the proposal. Are they not required?

Renee Scapparone: Any questions? No.

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to table proposal 25-26-08 until the next meeting? Also to add a friendly amendment to add the course description and learning objectives and reduce the number of words for the course description to 50.

Motion: Deb Stone

Second: Nirajan Mani

Vote: 10 yes, 1 abstention

#### [SGOCE 25-26-09 New Course Supervised Experiential Learning in ABA II](#)

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to bring proposal 25-26-09 to the table?

Motion: Jane Fiske  
Second: Deb Stone

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to table proposal 25-26-09 until the next meeting and to add a friendly amendment to add the course description and learning objectives and reduce the number of words for the course description to 5 and attach the correct syllabus.

Motion: Deb Stone

Second: Nirajan Mani

Vote: Unanimous

[SGOCE 25-26-10 Education ABA Guided Studies Program Change](#)

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to bring proposal 25-26-10 to the table?

Motion: Nirajan Mani

Second: David Weiss

Barbara Cormier: Will the degree title remain the same? The proposal doesn't mention special education and that it was a concentration change.

Robert Shapiro: It will change from Guided Studies Applied Behavior Analysis to just be Applied Behavior Analysis.

Renee Scapparone: Maybe the change should be made on the proposal.

Robert Shapiro: I will make the change from a masters degree in special education guided studies applied analysis to masters degree in special education applied behavior analysis

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to table proposal 25-26-10 until the next meeting and to add a friendly amendment to add the course description and learning objectives and reduce the number of words for the course description to 5 and attach the correct syllabus.

Motion: Deb Stone

Second: Jane Fiske

Vote: Unanimous

**SGOCE 25-26-11 Education New Course**

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to bring proposal 25-26-11 to the table?

Motion: Jane Fiske

Second: Deb Stone

Barbara Cormier: This description has 84 words. Can I please have an amendment to reduce it to 50 words?

Renee Scapparone: Denise Sargent is not able to be here today to discuss her proposal. Do I have a motion to table proposal 25-26-11 until the next meeting and to add a friendly amendment to reduce the number of words in the description to 50.

Motion: Mojdeh Bayat

Second: David Weiss

Vote: Unanimous

**SGOCE 25-26-12 Education Program Change**

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to bring proposal 25-26-12 to the table?

Motion: Becky Copper-Glenz

Second: David Weiss

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to table proposal 25-26-12 until the next meeting?

Motion: Becky Copper-Glenz

Second: David Weiss

Vote: Unanimous

**SGOCE 25-26-13 Education ABA Program Change**

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to bring proposal 25-26-13 to the table?

Motion: Jane Fiske

Second: Deb Stone

Robert Shapiro: This is one last change from the guided studies program to the concentration in applied behavior analysis program. When the program was created as part of the guided studies program, there was a request among the curriculum committee to have SPED 7024 listed as a prerequisite for anyone that hadn't taken a special education course at the graduate or undergraduate level within the past 5 years with this change untethering it from the guided studies. It no longer made sense to make 7024 a prerequisite for entry into the program. All the coursework related to applied behavior analysis and autism that is necessary for those students is embedded within the program making 7024 unnecessary.

Renee Scapparone: Do I have a motion to approve proposal 25-26-13 as written?

Motion: Mojedy Bayat

Second: David Weiss

Vote: Unanimous

**Items for the Floor:** None.

**Discussion Items:** Becky Copper Glenz and Barbara Cormier will meet to discuss changing the form to allow only 50 words or less for the description.

**Next Meeting Date:** February 5, 2026

**Motion to Adjourn:** Becky Copper Glenz

**Second:** Deb Stone

**Vote:** Unanimous