Graduate Council Meeting Minutes - Draft

Thursday, October 1, 2026

Present: Becky Copper Glenz, Jane Fiske, Christine Dee, Deborah Stone, Eileen Kirk, Nirajan Mani, Renee Scapparone, Robert Shapiro, Shirajum Munira, Xuzhou Chen, Mojdeh Bayat, Daniel Sarefield and Kyle Moody

Absent: Barbara Cormier

Visitors: Amber Deschenes

Welcome and Introductions

Nominations

Motion to take nominations - Nirajan Mani

Seconded by - Deb Stone

Nomination For- Renee Scapparone as Graduate Council Chair

Motion to vote - Becky Copper-Glenz

Seconded by - Deb Stone

Elected Graduate Council Chair: Renee Scapparone - Vote: Unanimous

Motion to take nominations for Vice Chair - Renee Scapparone

Seconded by - Nirajan Mani

Elected Graduate Council Vice Chair: Deborah Stone - Vote: Unanimous

Motion to Open the Meeting: Deborah Stone

Second: Becky Copper Glenz

Motion to nominate Shirajum Munira as Student Representative - Renee Scapparone

Seconded by Mojdeh Bayat

Elected Shirajum Munira as Student Representative Vote: Unanimous

Minutes

Motion to Review and Approve April 30th, 2026 Minutes as written - Rob Shapiro

Seconded by Mojdeh Bayat

Vote: Yes=12 , Abstain=1

2026 - 2027 Action Summary - Becky Copper-Glenz confirmed she will be shared with members for review before the next meeting.

Non-Substantive Program Change Request Review - No changes to review.

Proposals: - No Proposals

Items for the Floor: None.

Discussion Items: None.

Modality of Future Meetings for the Year

Motion to Approve Moving Modality of all Future Meetings to Virtual - Nirajan Mani

Seconded by Deb Stone

Vote: Unanimous

Next Meeting Date: November 5, 2026

Motion to Adjourn: Eileen Kirk

Second: Deborah Stone

Vote: Unanimous