

College of Arts and Sciences
Graduate Faculty Committee Agenda

March 6, 2026
4:00 pm

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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Officers – Julie Orme
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from January 16, 2026 – Appendix A
- III. Curriculum Proposals or Modifications – [Appendix B](#)
- IV. Old Business
- V. New Business
- VI. Graduate Director's Remarks — Dr. M. Gregory Oakes remarks

Appendix A

College of Arts and Sciences Graduate Faculty Committee Meeting Minutes

January 16th, 2025

4:00 pm

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- I. Welcome & Introduction of Officers – Julie Orme
 - a. Meeting called to order at 3:15 pm.
- II. Approval of meeting minutes from October 24, 2025
 - a. There were no changes or corrections to the October 24, 2025, minutes, minutes were approved unanimously. (See Attached).
- III. Curriculum Proposals or Modifications -Appendix B
 - a. SCST 590 – Principles of Teaching Social Studies I – prerequisite change
 - i. Change approved, no opposition
 - b. SCST 591 – Principles of Teaching Social Studies II – prerequisite change
 - i. Change approved, no opposition
 - c. NUTR 500 – Research in Dietetics: change hours from 1 to 1-3
 - i. Change approved, no opposition
- IV. Old Business
 - a. None
- V. New Business
 - a. None, No Announcements
- VI. Graduate Director's Remarks — Dr. Gregory Oakes

- a. Kudos
- b. English MA-Student Mr. Cody Byrdic to present at the 21st International Ernest Hemingway Society conference in Toronto, July 2026

C. Nutrition MS-

- i. Inquiries and applications for the MS are up over previous years;
- ii. Admitted students for fall 2026 are up 60% yoy
- iii. 10 MS students graduated in December, also an increase
- d. General Graduate Program News (University): As of 1/16 (today), 856 Degree seeking graduate students, vs. 774 this time last year, 9.4% year-over-year (yoy) increase
- e. General Graduate Program News (CAS): As of today, 445 CAS degree seeking students, vs. 425 this time last year, a 4% yoy increase
- f. Graduate Student Support:
 - i. FY2027 GA funding:
 - 1. The Grad School's GA funding request for FY27: no change from this year.
 - 2. Dean McCartney will review GA policy and practice in AY2027
 - 3. No recent mention of restoring lost funding
 - ii. FY2027 Foundation Scholarship funding: not currently expecting any negative change
 - iii.
- g. Upcoming Events:
 - i. Grad Dean's Council: 1/27
 - ii. Grad Open House: 2/3
- h. Questions:
 - i. Graduate Student Funding re: Gov't Changes?

1. Under new limits, significant impacts not anticipated
2. Presentation will be given to Dean's Council, Eventually Program

Directors will be tasked with adjusting to new credit hour limits

i. Additional Announcements:

i. Highlighting of Select Graduate Students

1. Social Work: Adam Troye
2. Send Highlights of student accolades to Dean's Office

ii. Tuesday 1/20 WU Dance UNdance

iii. February 7th Carolina Immigrant Alliance Fundraising Dinner @ Oakland Pres.
Church

j. Meeting adjourned at 3:51 pm

Appendix B

- PLSC 540 – Comparative Constitutional Law – New Course
 - WRIT 501 Digital Authorship Practices – Course Edit
- MLAN 591S Principles of Teaching Modern Language-Skills-Course Edit
- MLAN 591M Principles Teaching Modern Language-Mechanics – Course Edit
 - SOC 535 – Advanced Criminology Theories – New Course