

College of Arts and Sciences
Graduate Faculty Committee
Minutes

March 7, 2025

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I. Call meeting to Order at 3:45 pm and Agenda has been approved. 27 graduate faculty members were present so Quorum was met.

II. Minutes, January 24, 2025 (see Attached) were approved.

III. Curriculum Proposals

Wanda presented for FYI to the graduate faculty that a blanket petition from the Department of Political Science, Philosophy, Religion, and Legal Studies that applies to the graduate catalog was approved for the MLA program.

IV. Old Business-None

V. New Business-None

VI. Graduate Director's Remarks —

Dr. Oakes discussed graduate enrollment, and it is positive overall for 2024.

Dr. Van Delden will discuss low enrollment programs on Monday March 10 at 11:00 a.m.

The budgets submitted by divisions for 2025-26 were too high, so the divisions are being asked to reduce their proposals. The Provost has asked the Deans to submit revised, lower budgets, and so Dr. Oakes has been asked to find savings in the GA budget for the 2025-26 academic year.

Dr Oakes reviewed further online forms that are being developed to make it easier to submit forms for graduate students. The one presented today to the graduate faculty is the form on undergraduates desiring to take courses for graduate credit.

Dr Oakes announced that graduate awareness week is coming up and asked faculty and directors please to encourage students to submit work for the Three Minute Graduate Showcase; March 15 is the date for the Graduate Studies and

Hope Reed fellowship applications. Also, on March 15 the scholarship application for summer is due. June 15 is the deadline for Fall applications.