

Graduate Council Minutes

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Graduate Council Voting Members: *Rose Baker, Ana Cleveland, Jessica Craig, Mariya Gavrilova Aguilar, Jaymee Haefner(absent), Jennifer Lane(absent), Maurizio Manzo, Divesh Ojha, Olav Richter, Dalena Taylor(absent), Anto Verghese*

I. ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brenda Barrio:

- Welcomed all Graduate Council members & attendees. Thanked all the departments for working together to get their proposals in for today's meeting.
- Called attention to looking forward to a volunteer for next academic years' service as Faculty Chair for Graduate Council, requesting that they declare interest at next month's meeting
- Asked the committee if there were any other announcements; none raised
- Passed to Rose Baker

Rose Baker:

- Welcomed all Graduate Council members and attendees
- Discussed Summer Meeting Protocols: To achieve a consensus on whether to transition to an electronic proposal approval process or continue holding virtual meetings via Zoom
 - If electronic proposal approval process is chosen, the agenda will be sent out as normal; then a Qualtrics will be sent out to voting members on the day that is marked the mtg. date. Voting members will then have until the following Monday to approve.
- Reminded/illustrated to voting members on how to submit their vote
- Called the meeting to order
- Next item of business is approval of the minutes of the March 19, 2026, meeting

II. MINUTES

MOTION TO APPROVE ON ITEM II-1. - APPROVED

ITEM II-1. PASSES – APPROVED BY MAJORITY

APPROVAL OF ITEM II-1

II-1. Approval of March 19, 2026, minutes

III. CHAIR / TGS DISCUSSION ITEMS / ACTION ITEMS / INFORMATION ITEMS

Graduate Council members **acknowledged** the items under III-1. through III-27. as closing and/or consolidating certain academic programs. (no vote required)

Items III-1. through III-4. - close and teach out the following master's programs

College of Education

Department of Teacher Education & Administration

III-1. Early Childhood Education: ECEE-MS (*) - closing program (catalog eff. yr.: 2026-27)

Description: After careful review, UNT has made the difficult decision to begin the process of closing or consolidating certain academic programs. Early Childhood Education: ECEE-MS will be deleted effective for the 2026-27 academic year.

College of Information

Department of Linguistics

III-2. **Linguistics: LING-MA/MS (*)** - closing program (catalog eff. yr.: 2026-27)

Description: After careful review, UNT has made the difficult decision to begin the process of closing or consolidating certain academic programs. Linguistics: LING-MA/MS will be deleted effective for the 2026-27 academic year.

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

School of Applied Liberal Arts

III-3. **Women's and Gender Studies: WGST-MA (*)** - closing program (catalog eff. yr.: 2026-27)

Description: After careful review, UNT has made the difficult decision to begin the process of closing or consolidating certain academic programs. The Women's and Gender Studies: WGST-MA will be deleted effective for the 2026-27 academic year.

Department of Media Arts

III-4. **Media Industry and Critical Studies: MICS-MA (*)** - closing program (catalog eff. yr.: 2026-27)

Description: After careful review, UNT has made the difficult decision to begin the process of closing or consolidating certain academic programs. The Media Industry and Critical Studies: MICS-MA will be deleted effective for the 2026-27 academic year.

Items III-5. through III-7 - Merging master's degree programs

College of Information

III-5. **Interdisciplinary Studies: INSD-MA merging with Interdisciplinary Studies: INSD-MS (*)** (catalog eff. yr.: 2026-27)

College of Liberal Arts & Social Sciences

Department of English

III-6. **Creative Writing: ENCW-MA merging with English: ENGL-MA (*)** (catalog eff. yr.: 2026-27)

Justification: After careful review, UNT has made the difficult decision to begin the process of closing or consolidating certain academic programs. The Creative Writing: ENCW-MA will merge with English: ENGL-MA effective for the 2026-27 academic year.

College of Science

Department of Biological Sciences

III-7. **Biology: BIOL-MA merging with Biology: BIOL-MS (*)** (catalog eff. yr.: 2026-27)

Justification: After careful review, UNT has made the difficult decision to begin the process of closing or consolidating certain academic programs. The Biology: BIOL-MA will merge with Biology: BIOL-MS effective for the 2026-27 academic year.

Items III-8. through III-28. (**) - close and teach out the following graduate academic certificates; all share the same description.

Description: After careful review, UNT has made the difficult decision to begin the process of closing or consolidating certain academic programs. All Graduate Academic Certificate will be deleted effective for the 2026-27 academic year.

College of Education

Department of Counseling & Higher Education

III-8. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Community College Leadership: GACT-CCL** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

Department of Educational Psychology

III-9. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Autism Intervention: GACT-AUTI** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

College of Engineering

Department of Computer Science & Engineering

III-10. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Data Engineering: GACT-DTEN** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

Department of Mechanical Engineering

III-11. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Energy: GACT-ENER** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

College of Information

Department of Information Science

III-12. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Advanced Management in Libraries and Information Agencies: GACT-AMLA** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

III-13. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Children's and Young Adult Library Community Services: GACT-CYAL** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

III-14. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Digital Content Management: GACT-DCMT** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

III-15. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Storytelling: GACT-STRY** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

Department of Learning Technologies

III-16. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Interactive and Virtual Digital Communication: GACT-IVDC** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

Department of Linguistics

III-17. **Graduate Academic Certificate in Computational Linguistics: GACT-CMLG** (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

III-18. Graduate Academic Certificate in Teaching English to Speakers of Other Languages: GACT-TESL (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

Frank W. & Sue Mayborn School of Journalism

III-19. Graduate Academic Certificate in Public Relations: GACT-PUBR (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

III-20. Graduate Academic Certificate in Digital Communication Analytics: GACT-DCAN (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

III-21. Graduate Academic Certificate in Narrative Journalism: GACT-NAJO (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

Department of Sociology

III-22. Graduate Academic Certificate in Applied Sociology: GACT-ASOC (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

III-23. Graduate Academic Certificate in Digital Sociology: GACT-DSOC (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

Department of Technical Communication

III-24. Graduate Academic Certificate in Proposal Writing: GACT-PRWR (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

College of Merchandising, Hospitality & Tourism

Department of Hospitality, Event & Tourism Management

III-25. Graduate Academic Certificate in Event Management: GACT-EVNT (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

III-26. Graduate Academic Certificate in Hospitality Management: GACT-HMGT (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

College of Public Affairs & Health Sciences

Department of Rehabilitation & Health Services

III-27. Graduate Academic Certificate in Health Services Administration: GACT-HLSA (**) - closing GAC (catalog eff. yr. 2026-27)

IV. REQUEST FOR NEW COURSES

V. REQUEST FOR ADD NEW OR DELETE EXISTING MAJOR/PROFESSIONAL FIELD, CONCENTRATION, OPTION, MINOR, CERTIFICATE (excluding GACs), OR SPECIALIZATION

VI. REQUEST FOR ALL GRADUATE ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

College of Education

Department of Educational Psychology

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM VI-1. - APPROVED
ITEM VI-1. PASSES - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

*Indicates THECB approval required

APPROVAL OF ITEM VI-1.

VI-1. Graduate Academic Certificate in Learning Sciences () (change in requirements; hours: 15 to 12)**

Justification: Learning Sciences GAC is aligning our GAC with other GACs in the department which are 12 credit hours. We are removing the electives to focus on the required courses alone. This change also reflects the available electives of graduate students in the doctoral degree program outside of our own most likely to enroll. This will make enrolling in the LS GAC easier for students across the College of Education. A 12-hour GAC is stackable with other doctoral degrees, enhancing marketability.

VII. REQUEST FOR NEW GRADUATE TRACK PATHWAYS

G. Brint Ryan College of Business

Department of Information Technology & Decision Sciences

MOTION TO APPROVE ITEMS VII-1. THROUGH VII-6. AS A BLOCK - APPROVED ITEMS VII-1. THROUGH VII-6. PASSES – APPROVED BY MAJORITY

APPROVAL OF ITEMS VII-1. THROUGH VII-6.

VII-1. Business Analytics, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA

Justification: The G. Brint Ryan College of Business would like to build a new pathway with the BBA Business Analytics to encourage its brightest students to pursue graduate study in the MBA Business Administration after completing their bachelor's degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

1. Must have completed 75 credit hours of the degree for the application
2. May begin taking the graduate-level courses after completing at least 90 hours
3. Must complete the bachelor's degree within one academic year of beginning graduate coursework.

Admission requirements and program policies:

Students will be required to hold a 3.5 GPA at the time of application and be identified by the department as an exceptional candidate for the grad track pathway. Final admission will demand a 3.5 GPA at the time of application, which will qualify the student for a GMAT/GRE waiver, successful completion of all grad track pathway courses with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, essay, resume, 3 recommendations, and official application submitted and approved by the Toulouse Graduate School.

VII-2. Business Analytics, BBA with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA

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VII-3. Business Analytics, BBA with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA

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completing their bachelor's degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

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2. May begin taking the graduate-level courses after completing at least 90 hours
3. Must complete the bachelor's degree within one academic year of beginning graduate coursework.

Admission requirements and program policies:

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VII-4. Business Computer Information Systems, BS with grad track option leading to Business Administration, MBA

Justification: The G. Brint Ryan College of Business would like to build a new pathway with the BS Business Computer Information Systems to encourage its brightest students to pursue graduate study in the MBA Business Administration after completing their bachelor's degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

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2. May begin taking the graduate-level courses after completing at least 90 hours
3. Must complete the bachelor's degree within one academic year of beginning graduate coursework.

Admission requirements and program policies:

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VII-5. Business Computer Information Systems, BS with grad track option leading to Business Analytics, MBA

Justification: The G. Brint Ryan College of Business would like to build a new pathway with the BS Business Computer Information Systems to encourage its brightest students to pursue graduate study in the MBA Business Analytics after completing their bachelor's degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

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VII-6. Business Computer Information Systems, BS with grad track option leading to Management Consulting, MBA

Justification: The G. Brint Ryan College of Business would like to build a new pathway with the BS Business Computer Information Systems to encourage its brightest students to pursue graduate study in the MBA Management Consulting after completing their bachelor's degrees. The selected pathway courses mirror learning objectives and the partnership makes good sense for those students ready for advanced study.

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which will qualify the student for a GMAT/GRE waiver, successful completion of all grad track pathway courses with a GPA of 3.5 or higher, essay, resume, 3 recommendations, interview, and official application submitted and approved by the Toulouse Graduate School.

VIII. REQUEST FOR CHANGE IN PROGRAM, MAJOR, MINOR, DEGREE, OPTION, CONCENTRATION OR REQUIREMENTS

College of Education

Department of Educational Psychology

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM VIII-1. - APPROVED
ITEM VIII-1. PASSES – APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

APPROVAL OF ITEM VIII-1.

VIII-1. Educational Psychology, PhD (change in requirements; removing concentrations)

Justification: We are removing the Psychosocial Aspects of Sport and Exercise and Sport Pedagogy and Motor Behavior concentrations from our doctoral program, as the Department of Kinesiology, Health Promotion and Recreation department has moved outside of the College of Education. The concentrations have been replaced with their Human Performance & Movement Science PhD.

A. In Grad Track

IX. REQUEST FOR DUAL OR JOINT DEGREE PROGRAMS

X. CONSENT CALENDAR

**MOTION TO APPROVE ITEM X-1. UNDER CONSENT CALENDAR
ITEM X-1. PASSES - APPROVED BY MAJORITY**

APPROVAL OF ITEM X-1.

A. Course Changes

B. Course Deletions

G. Brint Ryan College of Business

Department of Management

X-1. MGMT 5240 - Project Management

Justification: Operations Management moved to SCM department

C. Information Item - THECB Delete

D. Information Item - Documenting Changes

NO NEW BUSINESS

MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING - ADJOURNED