

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

Tuesday May 6, 2025

Members/Alternates Present:

Godev, Concepcion, Chair – Languages & Culture Studies
Allan, Craig – Geography and Earth Sciences
Brown, Dace – Public Health Sciences
Cooper, Liz – Bioinformatics and Genomics
Cox, Kyle – Educational Leadership
Gall, David – Art & Art History
Libby, Garrison – Atkins Library
Montanaro, Erika – Psychological Science
Tolone, Bill – Dean of the Graduate School
Troutman, Jay – Chemistry

Also Attending: Cottenoir, Mitch – Office of Assessment and Accreditation
Hall-Hertel, Katherine – Graduate School
Watson, Johnna – Graduate School
Wyse, Matt – Academic Affairs, Faculty Governance Assistant

Absent: Johar, Monica – Bus Information Sys and Operations Management
O’Bruba, Ashley – GPSG Student Representative
Xu, Terry – Mechanical Engineering and Engineering Science

I. Report of the Chair - Concepcion Godev

a. Approval of the April 1, 2025, meeting minutes

Chair Godev pointed out that there was one typo April 1, 2025, meeting minutes. Allan made a motion to approve the minutes pending the correction of the typo, with a second from Gall. The motion was approved by a unanimous vote.

b. Updates from Chair Godev

- i. Chair Godev reminded the council that section D of Curriculog proposals is not required if the proposal is for a topics courses, independent study courses, or thesis courses. A reminder to the originators has been added to section A12 and the beginning of section D.
- ii. Chair Godev also reminded the council that she is rotating off of the council and Dace Brown will succeed her as council chair starting in fall 2025. Garrison Libby, David Gall, Monica Johar, Kyle Cox, Terry Xu and Erika Montanaro will also return in fall 2025. The remaining members will rotate off of the council.

- iii. There will not be a performance review of the Dean of the Graduate School this year because Dean Tolone started in spring 2025. There will be a review in spring 2026. Chair Godev has provided instructions to Secretary Jones and incoming Chair Brown.
- iv. There were only 3 proposals that went directly to the chair, but there is a large batch of proposals that need to be updated in order to be compliant with the removal of any language referencing DEI. Academic Affairs has expedited the process since there was not enough time to go through the Curriculog process.

II. Report of the Dean - William Tolone

Dean Tolone thanked the Council for their work this semester. He acknowledged Chair Godev for the marvelous job she has done as chair and presented her with a plaque.

III. Discussion Topics

There were no discussion topics at this meeting.

IV. Course and Curriculum Proposals

a. ITAI 5153 - Introduction to Artificial Intelligence and Ethics

Originator: Julio Bahamon, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Allan and Gall

Comments:

- C8 needs an NA
- Otherwise, this proposal can be approved

The Graduate Council Secretary will contact the originator to confirm that “NA” is the correct response for section C8. Allan made a motion to approve the proposal pending the completion of section C8. Gall seconded the motion. The motion was approved unanimously pending the correction.

b. ITAI 5154 - AI-Driven Trustworthy Software Development

Originator: Marco Vieira, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Brown and Cox

Comments:

- The course seems to be cross-listed with an undergraduate course-is a separate proposal submitted? (Chair Godev confirmed the cross-listed course is in Curriculog)
- With respect to pre and/or co requisites mentioned (D9), C7 should be specified with relation to when the class will be taught (FA, SP, SU)? (Matt Wyse noted that the proposal is not required to specify the semester.)

Brown made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with a second from Cox. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

c. ITAI 5160 - Databases and Cloud for Artificial Intelligence

Originator: Qiong Cheng, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Montanaro and Troutman

Comments:

- The proposal looks good.

Troutman made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with a second from Gall. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

d. ITAI 6153 - Machine Learning Operations

Originator: Gabriel Terejanu, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Johar and Xu

Comments:

- The proposal looks good.

Troutman made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with a second from Gall. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

e. ITAI 6155 - Artificial Intelligence Development Projects

Originator: Harini Ramaprasad, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Allan and Troutman

Comments:

- The proposal looks good.

Troutman made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with a second from Gall. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

f. ITAI 6880 - Individual Study

Originator: Marco Vieira, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Brown and Johar

Comments:

- The Proposal looks good

Troutman made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with a second from Gall. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

g. ITAI 6991 - Artificial Intelligence Thesis

Originator: Marco Vieira, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Cox and Montanaro

Comments:

- Requirements all satisfactory but check spelling of Course title (B4, B5, D5) Artificial Intelligence Thesis. (Chari Godev corrected based on feedback from the originator.)

Once the correction was made, Cox made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with a second from Montanaro. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

h. ITIS 5270 - Artificial Intelligence Risk Management

Originator: Harini Ramaprasad, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Gall and Xu

Comments:

- The Proposal looks good

Troutman made a motion to approve this proposal as submitted with a second from Gall. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

i. ITIS 5271 - Secure and Trustworthy Artificial Intelligence

Originator: Harini Ramaprasad, Computer Science

Committee Member Assignments: Allan and Cox

Comments:

- Minor typo in Grading Scale (A >=90) (Chari Godev corrected the typo.)
- The course seems to be cross-listed with an undergraduate course-is a separate proposal submitted? (Matt Wyse confirmed the cross-listed course is in Curriculog.)

Allan made a motion to approve with a second from Cox once the correction was made. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

There was an additional proposal, CJUS 6001, that reached the Graduate Council step after the agenda had been sent out. The Graduate Council reviewed the proposal at the meeting and Allan motioned to approve with a second from Gall. The Council approved by a unanimous vote.

V. Other Business

Chair Godev thanked Dean Tolone and Associate Deans Hall-Hertel and Watson of the Graduate School, as well as Matt Wyse, for their contributions during the academic year.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Montanaro and seconded by Troutman.

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for August 19, 2025.

Respectfully submitted,

Daniel Jones

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