

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 2026 MEETING OF THE GRADUATE COUNCIL

The Graduate Council held its regularly scheduled meeting on Wednesday, September 2, 2026 via ZOOM. Dr. Roberts called the meeting to order at 3:31.

Members Present: Drs. Adamson, Amidon, Aurentz, Backes, Besara, Chang, Chesman, Deal, Dong, Ennis, Friske, Hines, Hwang, Jackson, Kageyama, Koch, Lazic, Lee (for Benedict-Chambers), Liu, Maher, McKay, Mirza, Morgan, Panzer, Penkalski, Prakash, Reger, Roberts, Schick, Shah, Stanton (for Newman), Strobel, Tapis and Tsai; Ms. Oetting, Pippa, Powell and Pratt

Members Absent: Drs. Davis, Ford, Gordon and Kaatz; Ms. Chavez, Jones, Jovic, Seo and Stout; Mr. Moser

Approval of Minutes

The May minutes were approved.

Announcements

Graduate Council Chair. Dr. Roberts welcomed everyone. She reminded Council members that they would need to look in Curriculog every month to get the agenda and also review curricular proposals for that month's meeting.

Graduate College Dean. Dean Strobel thanks Council members for serving and stressed what an important body Graduate Council is to work with graduate programs, Graduate College and all graduate education.

He reminded members that starting this fall semester, students who are classified as Administrative GA's (not Research or Teaching) will be taxed on their tuition and student services fee (that are received in the Tuition Fee Waiver). He also stated that the new federal law that goes into effect on September 15 will prohibit international students from changing programs once they are here. If they want to change programs, they will have to leave the country and apply for a new VISA for the new program. International Services is currently holding sessions to explain the new law.

Dean Strobel reported that Reesha Adamson began her position as Interim Association Dean and Director of GIP on July 1.

Graduate Student Senate. No report.

Committee Reports

Report of the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – Michael Dong for Lauren Jones

The following faculty were approved for full graduate faculty status:

Daniel Barnard	DSS	Research
Daniel Moy	DSS	Research
Manolis Priniotakis	DSS	Professional
Elizabeth Tyner	MHBS	Professional

Report of the Graduate Grievance Committee – Ethan Amidon

No report.

Report of the Graduate Scholarship Committee – Siming Liu

No report.

Report of the Graduate Recruitment Committee – Matt McKay

No report.

Report of the Graduate Screening Committee – Melissa Penkalski

There were no proposals for this month.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

None.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 3:42 p.m. The next meeting of the Graduate Council will be on October 7, 2026.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Hillary Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Hillary Roberts, Chairperson