

PURDUE UNIVERSITY GRADUATE SCHOOL

Minutes of the Graduate Council Meeting
April 17, 2025
2:30 p.m.

Sixth Meeting
(Via Teams)

PRESENT: Nurgul Aitalieva, Shawn G. Bauldry, Carrie Berger, Yingjie Chen, Joy Colwell, Bryan DeWitt, Duane D. Dunlap, Emad Elwakil, Melissa Franks, Catherine A. Golden, Sheila Hurt, Qing Jiang, Erika Birgit Kaufmann, Shalom Kpetsu, Andrew Liu, Patti Ludwig-Beymer, Haley Oliver, Tina Payne, Senay Purzer, Julia M. Rayz, Carson Reeling, Frederico Rossi, Abraham Schwab, Lisa Snodgrass, Josh Widhalm, Zaiyan Wei, Amanda D. Zelechoski, Registrar Representative

ABSENT: Brad Alge, Arun Bhunia, Jason Cannon, Olivia Grace Cape, Jason FitzSimmons, Michelle Garrison, Kevin D. Gibson, Nancy Jackson, Mary Johnson, Kimberly Kinzig, Judith Lewandowski, Qiang Liu, Stephanie Masta, Jamie Mohler, Dimitri Peroulis, Rodolfo Pinal, Joseph (Paul) Robinson, David Rollock, James Tisdale, Kristen (Kate) White, Patrick Wolfe, Yan Ping Xin, David Zwicky

GUESTS: Jennifer Cutter, Janice Evans, Linda Girouard, Michelle Goodin, Kyra Leal, Linda Lee, Lori Miller, Nicole Moody, Christal Musser, Rachelle Swan, Janna Ulbright

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER

Dr. Haley Oliver called the meeting to order.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

The March 13, 2025, minutes were moved to the Consent Agenda.

GRADUATE PROPOSAL APPROVALS

Graduate Program and Course Proposals document was moved to the Consent Agenda.
(Appendix A)

PURDUE GRADUATE STUDENT GOVERNMENT

President Shalom Kpetsu provided notes on PGSG activities since the last meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- a) 2025 Graduate Student Experience in the Research University (SERU) Survey (Rachelle Swan)
- b) Professional Masters (Revenue Share) (Catherine Golden, Melissa Franks) (Appendix B)

OLD BUSINESS

- a) GC Report 25-R, Multiple Degree Program Updates for Graduate Manual (Appendix C) (Add to Consent Agenda) (Melissa Franks)
- b) GC Report 25-Q, Proposed Expansion of Non-credit to Credit Pathway to Include Certificate programs (Appendix D) (Add to Consent Agenda) (Nicole Moody, Melissa Franks)
- c) Final GC Report 24-J, Taskforce on Graduate Council Review (Melissa Franks/Task Force) (Appendix E) (Final Report being presented with potential vote in May)

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Dr. Oliver asked for a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. The motion to accept the full Consent Agenda was received and seconded. The Consent Agenda was approved.

The meeting was adjourned by Dr. Oliver at 3:50 p.m.

Haley Oliver
Chair of the Graduate Council

Tina Payne
Secretary to the Graduate Council

**GRADUATE COUNCIL COURSE
AND PROGRAM PROPOSALS**

April 2025

GRADUATE COURSE PROPOSALS:**Area Committee A: Behavioral Sciences**

Graduate Council Document 25-18g, EDU 50304 Educational Research In Practice, PFW
[EDU - 50304 - Edu Research In Prac | Curriculum](#)

Area Committee B: Engineering Sciences, and Technology

Graduate Council Document 25-25a, AAE 52900 Nonequilibrium Hypersonic Flow, PFW
[AAE - 52900 - Nonequilibrium Hypersonic Flow | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-25b, AAE 53000 Comput Combustion & Propulsion, PFW
[AAE - 53000 - Comput Combustion & Propulsion | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-25c, AAE 54100 Attitude Determination and Control, PFW
[AAE - 54100 - Attitude Det & Control | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-25d, AAE 56200 Aerospace Eng Probability And Estimation, PFW
[AAE - 56200 - Aerosp Eng Probability & Est | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-25e, AAE 57300 Aerospace Human Factors, PFW
[AAE - 57300 - Aerospace Human Factors | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-4b, ECE 50005 Intellectual Property Generation And Management: An Inventor's View, PFW
[ECE - 50005 - Intellect Property Gen & Mgmt | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-4c, ECE 60001 Concepts To Innovation I, PFW
[ECE - 60001 - Concepts To Innovation I | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-4d, ECE 60002 Concepts To Innovation II, PFW
[ECE - 60002 - Concepts To Innovation II | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 24-9q, ECE 60850 Datacenter And Cloud Networks, PFW
[ECE - 60850 - Datacenter & Cloud Networks | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 24-9r, ECE 60852 Holistic Software Security, PFW
[ECE - 60852 - Holistic Software Security | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 24-9s, ECE 60864 Advanced Internet Of Things Design And Applications, PFW
[ECE - 60864 - Adv IoT Design & App | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28a, ENE 68600 Preparing To Be An Engineering Professor, PFW
[ENE - 68600 - Preparing to Be An Engr Prof | Curriculum](#)

Area Committee C: Chemistry, Engineering, and Physical Sciences

Graduate Council Document 25-26a, BCHM 56600 General Biochemistry, PWL

[BCHM - 56600 - General Biochemistry | Curriculum](#)

Area Committee D: Humanities and Social Sciences

Graduate Council Document 25-23b, POL 55101 Governance Auditing For AI - Sociotechnical Frameworks And Practices, PWL

[POL - 55101 - Gov Auditing For AI | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-23c, POL 55801 Tech Diplomacy In International Affairs, PWL

[POL - 55801 - Tech Diplomacy In Intl Affairs | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-23d, POL 55901 Emerging Technology In International Affairs, PWL

[POL - 55901 - Emerging Tech In Intl Affairs | Curriculum](#)

Area Committee E: Life Sciences

Graduate Council Document 25-27a, BMS 69699 Professional Practice Grad Internship, PWL

[BMS - 69699 - Prof Practice Grad Internship | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28b, NUR 50301 Advanced Health Assessment, PNW

[NUR - 50301 - Adv Health Assess | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28c, NUR 51101 Health Promotion For Advanced Practice Nursing, PNW

[NUR - 51101 - Hlt Prom Adv Prac Nsg | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28d, NUR 52501 Nursing Informatics, PNW

[NUR - 52501 - Nursing Informatics | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28e, NUR 52601 Quality And Safety, PNW

[NUR - 52601 - Quality And Safety | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28f, NUR 53101 Theoretical And Ethical Reasoning In Advanced Practice Nursing, PNW

[NUR - 53101 - Theor & Ethic Reas In Adv Prac | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28g, NUR 57410 Advanced Pathophysiology And Pharmacotherapeutics I, PNW

[NUR - 57410 - Adv Patho And Pharm I | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28h, NUR 57510 Advanced Pathophysiology And Pharmacotherapeutics II, PNW

[NUR - 57510 - Adv Patho And Pharm II | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28i, NUR 61101 Primary Care Of The Young Family, PNW

[NUR - 61101 - Prim Care Young Family | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28j, NUR 62201 Primary Care Of The Aging Family, PNW

[NUR - 62201 - Prim Care Aging Family | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28k, NUR 62250 Primary Care Of Complex Conditions In The Aging Population, PNW

[NUR - 62250 - Prim Care Comp Cond Aging Pop | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28l, NUR 62502 Foundations Of DNP Practice, PNW

[NUR - 62502 - Fndns Of DNP Practice | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28m, NUR 62800 Integrative Clinical Core Concepts For Advanced Nursing Specialties, PNW

[NUR - 62800 - Int Cl Core Conc In Adv Nurs | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28n, NUR 64150 Population Health, PNW

[NUR - 64150 - Pop Health | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28o, NUR 64170 Principles Of Epidemiology And Biostatistics, PNW

[NUR - 64170 - Prin Of Epi And Biostats | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28p, NUR 65701 Nurse Practitioner Practicum: Clinical Synthesis, PNW

[NUR - 65701 - NP Practicum: Clin Synthesis | Curriculum](#)

Graduate Council Document 25-28q, NUR 67802 Advanced Healthcare Policy And Financial Management, PNW

[NUR - 67802 - Adv Hlthcr Pol And Fin Mgmt | Curriculum](#)

Area Committee F: Management Sciences

No course proposals to review

Area Committee G: Special committee for programs that fall under more than one area committee. All areas should review the following proposals.

No course proposals to review

GRADUATE PROGRAM PROPOSALS:

Area Committee A: Behavioral Sciences

No program proposals to review

Area Committee B: Engineering Sciences, and Technology

No program proposals to review

Area Committee C: Chemistry, Engineering, and Physical Sciences

No program proposals to review

Area Committee D: Humanities and Social Sciences

No program proposals to review

Area Committee E: Life Sciences

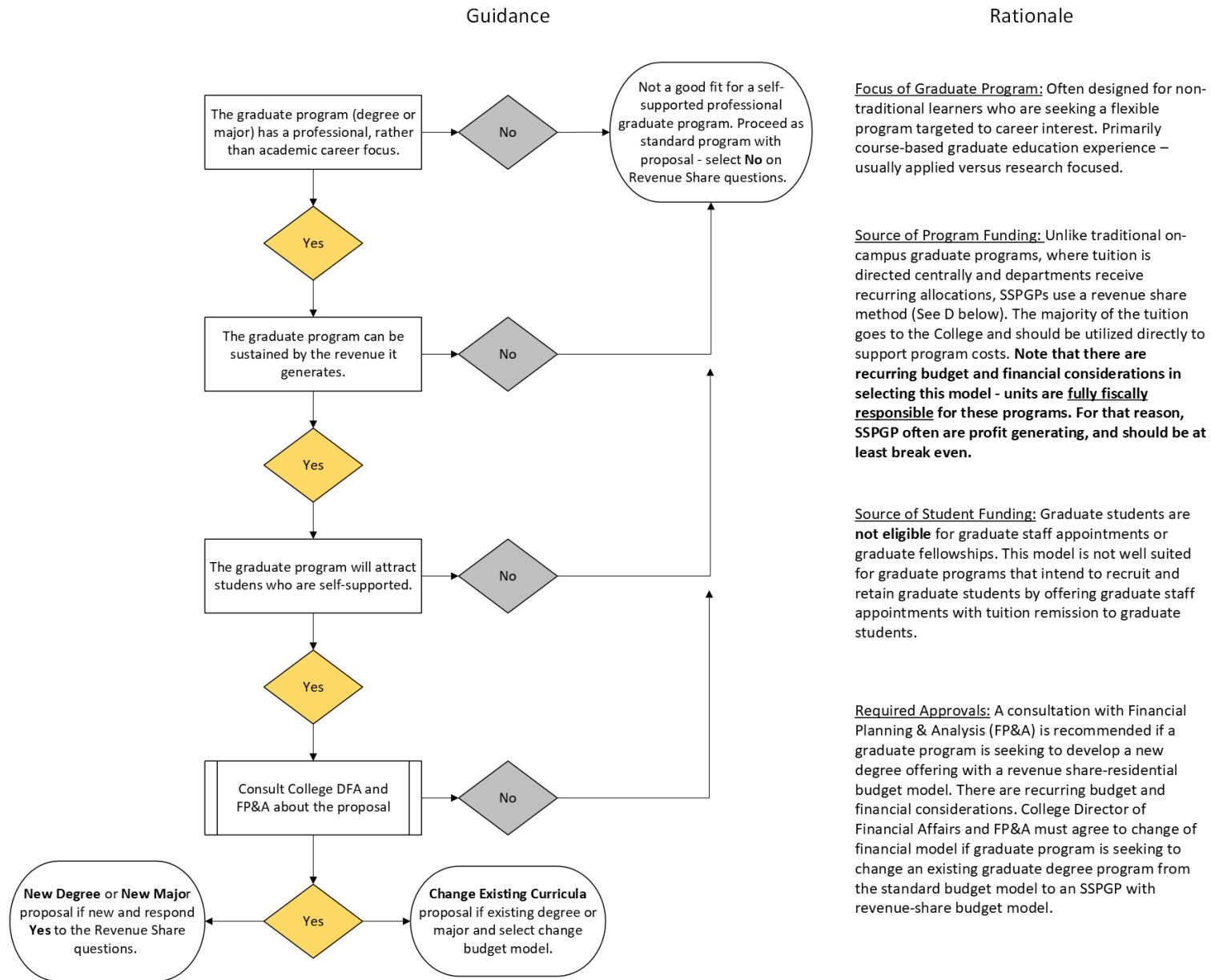
Graduate Council Document 25-29a, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate in Digital Data Acquisition for Natural Resources, Submitted by the Dept. of Forestry and Natural Resources, PWL

[Digital Data Acquisition for Natural Resources Post-Baccalaureate Certificate - -Department of Forestry and Natural Resources - WL | Curriculum](#)

Area Committee F: Management Sciences

No program proposals to review

Self-Supported Professional Graduate Programs (SSPGP)



Graduate Council Report 25-R
Presented to the Graduate Council on March 13, 2025
Approved by the Graduate Council _____

To: Purdue University Graduate Council
From: Melissa Franks, Director of Graduate Studies
Date: April 17, 2025
Subject: Multiple Degree Programs Update for the Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual

EXISTING:

The Current policy and guidelines for Multiple Degree Programs can be found in the Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual within the University Catalog, Section I.G.5: [Policies and Procedures for Administering Graduate Student Programs - Purdue University - Modern Campus Catalog™](#)

PROPOSED:

5. Multiple Degree Programs

Purdue offers two distinct types of multiple degree programs: Combined degree and Dual degree. For information about graduate students pursuing multiple graduate degrees, see Section VII.G. For more

a. Combined Degree Programs:

A combined-degree program results in the joining of curricula of an existing baccalaureate program and an existing Master's degree program. Students must submit a G.R. Form 27 with their Purdue University graduate application to indicate their intention to be in a combined degree program pathway. Combined degree programs formally approved by the participating academic units and OGSPS may use graduate-level coursework taken to satisfy the baccalaureate degree on the Master's degree plan of study.

The maximum number of course credits which may be shared between the baccalaureate degree and the master's degree varies with the total credit hours required for the master's degree.

Master's Degree Required Credit Hours	Maximum Number of Shared Credit Hours
30 - 36	12
37 - 45	15
46 +	18

Undergraduate excess credits can be used in combination with shared credits in the combined degree, but the sum of the shared and undergraduate excess credits may not exceed maximum shown above.

The baccalaureate must be awarded at least one session prior to awarding the Master's degree. Students enrolled in Combined Degree Programs are expected to complete the baccalaureate degree on schedule. The proposal format is detailed in Appendix I (General Proposal Format for Combined Degree Programs.) Appropriate departmental, college/school and campus reviews are to be conducted and appropriate signatures obtained prior to submitting the final proposal to the OGSPS Vice Provost.

Students in Combined Degree programs will have a primary classification of undergraduate until the baccalaureate degree is awarded.

Combined degree partnerships between Purdue University Master's programs and strategic external undergraduate institutions are subject to the following restrictions:

- The home institution for financial aid purposes will remain the student's undergraduate institution until the conferral of that degree.
- Graduate level courses may be shared between the two degrees, but the sharing allowance must align with existing limits set for Purdue University combined degrees as stated in the Graduate Policies and Procedures Manual found in the University Catalog.
- Students taking courses at Purdue University prior to the awarding of the undergraduate degree at their home institution would need to be admitted to an undergraduate non-degree program at Purdue University to gain eligibility to register here.
- Students would not be eligible to formally apply for the degree-seeking graduate program until after the conferral of the undergraduate degree.
- Students must submit a G.R. Form 27b with their Purdue University graduate application to indicate their intention to be in a combined degree program pathway.
- The undergraduate degree must be awarded as soon as academic requirements are met for that degree and must be conferred at least one session prior to the awarding of the Purdue University graduate degree.

In a combined program that involves another institution, a fully reviewed and approved [Articulation agreement](#) is required.

b. Dual Degree Programs

A dual degree is a pathway for graduate students to earn **two post-baccalaureate degrees**. This pathway can be with two graduate degrees from Purdue University, **a graduate degree and a professional degree**, or between a Purdue graduate degree and a graduate **or professional** degree from another domestic or international higher education institution (HEI). A dual degree program involves coursework from two or more **post-baccalaureate** programs with a separate diploma awarded from each of the participating programs. Credit sharing between Purdue graduate programs is detailed in Section VII.G.

In a dual degree program with another HEI, a fully reviewed and approved [Articulation agreement](#) is required. Dual degree program proposals which exceed the scope and/or credit allowance will be forwarded to the Graduate Council for consideration. This dual degree program policy and procedures governs dual degree programs at Purdue University- West Lafayette, Purdue Northwest, or Purdue Fort Wayne.

6. Joint Degree Programs (Master's and Ph.D.)

A joint degree program is defined as one that awards “one diploma displaying the seals and/or names of each partner institution,” (CIC Global Collaborations Executive Brief, September 2011). This joint degree program policy and procedures document govern joint degree programs between a department or school at Purdue University-West Lafayette and another institution of higher education. Joint degree programs may be between a Purdue University-West Lafayette department/school and either (a) a department/school in a U.S. institution of higher education or (b) a department/school in an international institution of higher education. A fully reviewed and approved [Articulation agreement](#) is required.

7. Graduate-Level, Academic Credit Certificate Programs

All Graduate Certificate Programs must be approved by the Graduate Council. Other postbaccalaureate certificate programs with 50% or more of their courses at the 50000 level or higher must also be approved by the Graduate Council. The process for approval of New Graduate-Level, Academic Credit Certificate Programs can be found at the [Office of the Provost](#).

Section VII.G

Multiple Degrees

Concurrent degree –

A student wishing to pursue two degrees in two different departments simultaneously must complete an application for admission to each department.



GRADUATE COUNCIL

Graduate Council Report 25-Q

Presented to the Graduate Council on March 13, 2025

Approved by the Graduate Council _____

To: Purdue University Graduate Council
From: Melissa Franks, Director of Graduate Studies
Nicole Moody, Director of Graduate Admissions
Date: March 13, 2025
Subject: GC Report for Proposed Expansion of Non-credit to Credit Pathway to Include Certificate programs

In 2018, Graduate Council approved policies and procedures to allow departments to create non-credit to credit pathway agreements for their graduate degree programs. Students who complete approved non-credit activities within set parameters and who are admitted to the sponsoring Purdue University graduate degree program can now be awarded course credit for use toward their graduate program. This approval only allowed for credit articulation to degree-granting programs. However, it would be advantageous to allow similar pathways to be created to articulate credit toward Purdue University graduate certificate programs.

If approved, all existing parameters governing non-credit to credit pathway agreements would also extend to graduate certificates except for the credit limit set for degree programs. The current non-credit to credit pathway arrangement allows for up to 12 credits to be awarded for non-credit offerings taken and assessed after admission to the sponsoring Purdue University graduate program. However, since graduate certificates can be granted with as few as 9 semester credits of graduate coursework, the credit allowance for a non-credit to credit pathway toward a single certificate should be limited to 3 semester credits instead of 12. This will ensure that most of the coursework completed for the graduate certificate is completed while registered in a graduate program at Purdue University.

Expanding the non-credit to credit pathway to include graduate certificates would provide more flexibility for students and departments, improving recruitment and retention efforts as well as allowing for a broader range of educational opportunities.

APPENDIX E

Graduate Council Document 24-J
Presented to the Graduate Council May 2024
Approved by the Graduate Council on _____

TO: GRADUATE COUNCIL
FROM: MELISSA FRANKS
DATE: April 17, 2025
SUBJECT: GRADUATE COUNCIL REVIEW TASK FORCE REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Graduate Council Review Task Force
Report and Recommendations to Graduate Council
April, 2025

Originally submitted May, 2024 by Members of the Graduate Council Review Task Force: Melissa M. Franks (Chair), Paul Salama, Nicole Widmar, Mary Johnson, Eric Kvam, Howard Sypher, Stephanie Masta, W. Bart Collins, Joy Colwell, Abraham Schwab

Submitted April, 2025 by Members of Graduate Council Review Task Force: Melissa M. Franks (Chair), Joy Colwell, Eric Kvam, Senay Purzer, Julia Rayz, James Tisdale, and Abraham Schwab

Overview

The original task force was formed in Spring 2024, and members participated in five meetings between February 27 and May 8.

This task force was given the charge to 1) review existing documentation on Graduate Council charge, purpose, and membership; and, 2) make any recommendations for updating language around the charge, purpose, and membership of the Graduate Council.

In addition, this task force identified potential areas for improvement in operations of the Graduate Council. These areas for improvement require additional work of the task force to provide recommendations for how a restructured Graduate Council can operate more efficiently moving forward.

A report by this task force was submitted in May 2024 and presented to Graduate Council in October, 2024. At this meeting, questions about membership of the Graduate Council prompted additional consideration by the Task Force.

Some members of the original task force were no longer available to serve, so this task force was reconstituted in December 2024. This task force held four meetings between December 2024 and April 2025. This task force revisited the earlier report and generated the following recommendations for updating language around the charge, purpose, and membership of the Graduate Council. This task force also identified the following recommendations for how a restructured Graduate Council can operate more efficiently moving forward.

Review of Existing Documentation

Original task force members reviewed archival documentation from the report of the Committee on Faculty Reorganization, submitted in 1949. Similar information regarding the charge, purpose, and membership of the Graduate Council was found in the current Policies and Procedures Manual available on the Graduate School website.

Following review of existing information regarding the Graduate Council at Purdue University, task force members identified additional sources of information about Graduate Council charge and membership from selected graduate programs. The graduate programs selected are top public universities and land grant universities and include the following institutions:

UC Berkeley

Berkeley Graduate Division – Vice Provost and Dean

Graduate Council <https://academic-senate.berkeley.edu/committees/gc>

University of Michigan

Rackham School of Graduate Studies – Dean

Rackham **Executive Board** <https://rackham.umich.edu/about/directory/executive-board/>

UCLA

Division of Graduate Education – Dean

Academic Senate/**Graduate Council** <https://senate.ucla.edu/committee/gc>

University of Florida

The Graduate School – Dean

Graduate Council <https://graduateschool.ufl.edu/academics/gc/>

University of Virginia

The Graduate School, Arts and Sciences – Dean, College and Graduate School of Arts and Sciences

Academic Affairs Committee of Faculty Senate <https://facultysenate.virginia.edu/committees/1>

Cornell University

Graduate School - Dean and Vice Provost for Graduate Education

General Committee [General Committee : Graduate School \(cornell.edu\)](https://graduate-school.cornell.edu/committees/gc/)

UC Davis

Graduate Studies - Vice Provost and Dean

Graduate Council <https://academicsenate.ucdavis.edu/committees/graduate-council>

Recommendation 1: Updating Charge and Purpose of the Graduate Council

Current: Graduate Council acts as the voting faculty of the Graduate School, responsible for all academic policies related to post-baccalaureate study and degree programs, particularly

- Admission to the Graduate School
- Standards of work
- Courses and programs of study
- Foreign language requirements
- Registration requirements
- All other requirements for advanced degrees

Recommended: Graduate Council represents the graduate faculty of Purdue University, and is responsible for all academic matters related to post-baccalaureate study and degree programs, including

- Admission to Graduate Studies (sets minimum standards)
- Review and approval of graduate courses, degrees, and programs of study
- Establish academic policies, and advise on administrative policies and procedures, for graduate education
- Review graduate program enrollments and provide guidance on periodic review of graduate programs
- All other requirements for post-baccalaureate degrees, certificates, and licensure programs

The revised task force endorsed this language for charge and purpose of the Graduate Council, with the addition of the following responsibility:

- Recommend/Advise OGSPS in advocating for University policies and practices that promote high quality faculty mentoring and direct new and existing resources to advance scholarly excellence of graduate students

Recommendation 2: Membership of the Graduate Council

Recommended: Graduate Faculty representatives from across the Purdue University System will be selected to serve as voting members on the Graduate Council. It is recommended that these representatives be selected by their faculty colleagues within their college or campus. These representatives will serve a 3-year term on the Graduate Council (on a rotating basis with a portion of the membership replaced each year).

- Vice Provost for the Office of Graduate Students and Postdoctoral Scholars serves as Chair of Graduate Council
- 2 members from each of the following 8 PWL Colleges (Agriculture, Daniels School of Business, Education, Engineering, Health and Human Sciences, Liberal Arts, Purdue Polytechnic Institute, and Science)
- 1 member from each campus at Northwest and Fort Wayne, ~~and Indianapolis location~~
- Ex-Officio (non-voting) members
 - Assistant Vice Provosts of the Graduate Office

- Director of Graduate Studies from each campus
- Purdue University Online representative
- Office of the Registrar representative
- Purdue Graduate Student Government President
- Purdue Postdoctoral Association President

The revised task force endorsed these recommendations for membership of the Graduate Council, with the following modifications:

- 1 voting member from School of Information Studies
- Ex-Officio member from Indianapolis location

The current Graduate Council Review Task Force advance the following recommendations:

Recommendation 3: Operations of Graduate Council (*italicized changes have been implemented*)

- a. Meeting frequency (i.e., increase number of Graduate Council meetings)

Graduate Council meetings in December and May have been added to the annual meeting calendar

- b. Create schedule for submission and review of proposals prior to Graduate Council meeting (to allow sufficient time for Graduate Council members to review these proposals)

Proposals must reach the approval step for Graduate Council two weeks prior to scheduled monthly meeting to be included on the meeting agenda

- c. Retain area committees or create curriculum subcommittee

Reconfigure area committees to align with College graduate programs represented by Graduate Council members with 4 new area committees: STEM (Science, Polytechnic, Engineering, Business), One Health (Agriculture, Health and Human Sciences, Pharmacy, Veterinary Medicine), Arts & Education (Liberal Arts, Education, Information Studies) and Interdisciplinary (chairs from each of the other area committees).

- d. Clarify expectations for Graduate Council review of course and program proposals

All new graduate program proposals (degrees, majors, and certificates) will continue to be reviewed by the Graduate Council. New graduate course proposals will be reviewed at the College level, if an appropriate structure and process is available to conduct rigorous review of course proposals.

Most Colleges have an existing committee structure and process for reviewing new graduate course proposals (See list below). Course proposals that have been rigorously reviewed by a College-level Curriculum Committee will be advanced to the full Graduate Council (and not reviewed in an Area Committee). The list of new graduate courses approved by college curriculum committees will continue to be distributed in a document titled "Documents in Review with Graduate Council" two weeks prior to each monthly Graduate Council meeting. This document will be distributed to all Graduate Council members, to GEA members, and to Chairs of College-level Curriculum Committees. If any concerns are

raised by any party, the proposed new graduate course will not advance from Graduate Council to the final Registrar step for inclusion in the Course Catalog until all concerns are resolved.

For any College that does not have an existing structure and process for review of graduate course proposals, the current processes will remain for review of new graduate course proposals by the appropriate area committee of the Graduate Council.

e. Role of regional campuses in review of graduate courses for their programs

Northwest and Fort Wayne campuses will operate as described for each College. Each campus will either create a structure and process for rigorous review of new graduate courses or new course proposals will continue to be reviewed by the appropriate area committee of the Graduate Council.