

Graduate Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, September 9, 2025, at 9:30 A.M.

I. Call to Order

DiStaso called the meeting to order at 9:31 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes

Hutchens motioned to approve the minutes from the previous meeting. The motion was seconded by Coche and passed.

III. Graduate Division Team Update

DiStaso provided an update on the graduate division's current structure including new positions for Dukes, Larson, and Horton.

DiStaso also noted that the graduate team is hiring an admissions officer.

IV. Graduate Student Funding

DiStaso presented the current state of funding for graduate students along with challenges for how to recruit and discuss funding with students.

DiStaso opened the topic of recruiting strategy and funding priorities to the committee for discussion.

The committee decided to maintain funding priorities for Ph.D. students and allocate remaining funds across master's students based on situational needs.

V. Path to Professor Program

DiStaso provided background information along with the most recent updates on the program. DiStaso reviewed a proposal for coursework and then opened the topic for discussion. After discussion, it was decided that DiStaso would make adjustments and re-propose at a later meeting.

VI. Adjournment

DiStaso adjourned the meeting at 10:29 AM.

In Attendance:

Horton, DiStaso, Dukes, Coche, Chen, Hutchens, Hove, Haywood, Hmielowski, Liu, Kember, Searight, Kropp, McNealy, Hernandez, Thompson, Larson