

Graduate Faculty Meeting Minutes

Friday, December 5, 2025, at 10:00 A.M.

I. Call to Order

DiStaso called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM.

II. Approval of Minutes

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

III. Course Numbers

A motion was on the floor from the Graduate Committee to submit permanent course numbers for 4 classes. The classes were put forward to the Graduate Faculty and opened to the floor discussion. All courses were approved for permanent numbers.

IV. Doctoral Program

Application and admissions data were presented for the doctoral program from 2019 to 2026. DiStaso discussed the next steps in the current admissions process and responded to questions from faculty.

V. Graduate Student Support

DiStaso expressed concern surrounding graduate student mental health and encouraged faculty members to identify warning signs and report concerning incidents. DiStaso also encouraged faculty to attend the spring workshop on supporting graduate students, as well as attending social events with graduate students and reporting their accomplishments to the Grad Division for promotion.

VI. Adjournment

Hutchens motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Kiousis, and the meeting concluded at 10:24 AM.

In Attendance:

Horton, DiStaso, Dukes, Larson, House, Walsh-Childers, Nall, Cuillier, Fernandes, Grant, Moon, Thompson, Selepak, Carpenter, Ostroff, Bullock, Calienes, Kember, Frazer, Han, Off, Feng, Goodman, Sorel, D. Windels, Hove, Spiker, J. Liu, Xu, W. Liu, Hmielowski, Barnidge, Waddell, McNealy, Lee, Wang, Hubner, Hutchens, Ham, Men, Shin, Chen, K. Windels, Johnson, Bambauer, Dalisay, Wells, Morton, Kropp, Hernandez, Esterline, Kiousis