

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes August 22, 2025

Present:

Dr. Veronique Lacombe, Vice Chair
Dr. Shiping Deng, Group I
Dr. Ranjith Ramanathan, Group I
Dr. Yoo Kim, Group I
Dr. Graig Uhlin, Group II
Dr. Richard Boles, Group II
Dr. Kevin Moore, Group III

Dr. Peter Richtsmeier, Group IV
Dr. Stephen Nemeth, Group IV
Dr. Marten Brienens, Group IV
Dr. Erin Dyke, Group V
Dr. Chris Eck, Group V
Dr. Joshua Butcher, Group VI
Dr. David Wallace, Group VI

Graduate College:

Dr. Melanie Morgan, Dean
Dr. Rebecca Sheehan, Associate Dean
Dr. Carol Powers, Assistant Dean

Guests:

Marcia Sun, Ex Officio GPSGA
Abiola Samson, GPSGA President

Dr. Lacombe called the meeting to order at 1:33 p.m.

Welcome – Dr. Lacombe welcomed everyone and gave an overview of the history of the Graduate College and Graduate Council. Everyone present introduced themselves.

Approval of Minutes – A motion to approve the April 25, 2025, meeting minutes was made by Dr. Brienens and seconded by Dr. Richtsmeier. This motion was approved.

APC Items

A motion to approve the *Nursing Leadership GCRT* program request made by Dr. Brienens. The motion was approved.

GPSGA Report

General Assembly Meetings – Fall 2025

The first General Assembly meeting for Fall 2025 is scheduled for Wednesday, August 27, at 5:30 PM in Social Sciences and Humanities (SSH) 035. An online attendance option will be available for representatives and liaisons from the Tulsa and OKC campuses.

General Assembly Meetings Schedule – Fall 2025

- First General Assembly Meeting
 - o Wednesday, August 27th, 5:30pm, Social Sciences & Humanities 035
- Second General Assembly Meeting/Welcome Reception
 - o Wednesday, October 1st, 5:30pm, Student Union Ballroom (265)
- Third General Assembly Meeting
 - o Wednesday, October 29th, 5:30pm, Social Sciences & Humanities 035
- Fourth General Assembly Meeting
 - o Wednesday, November 19th, 5:30pm, Legacy Hall 101

GPSGA Assistance/Grant/Fund Information – Fall 2025

-GPSGA Travel Assistance Application

- Application period: August 18 – October 31
- Exception Application period: November 1 – November 30
- Post Meeting/Conference Report due: October 31, 2025 – January 15, 2026
- Application materials and instructions will be available on the [GPSGA Canvas page](#).
- All award recipients must submit their Post Meeting/Conference Report between October 31, 2025, and January 15, 2026.

-GPSGA Co-Sponsorship Fund Application

- Application period: August 18 – September 30
- Post-Event Visual Report due: September 30, 2025 – January 15, 2026
- All application materials and reporting instructions will be available on the [GPSGA Canvas page](#).

GPSGA Membership Application – Fall 2025

All new and returning [representatives](#) and [liaisons](#) from graduate and professional student organizations and departments are required to complete the GPSGA Membership Application Form. The form is now available to download on Canvas and must be submitted via the designated Microsoft Form Submission Portal by October 3 at 5 PM.

Feedback and Issues Raised by the Graduate Student Community

- On-campus housing availability for returning graduate students.
- Graduate student orientation – A suggestion for a more centralized and comprehensive orientation that includes pertinent information for all graduate students was shared last year. Thank you to the Graduate College for championing this initiative. Feedback from students who attended was overwhelmingly positive for both new and returning students. Thank you to Graduate College for this wonderful initiative.
- Assistantship opportunities – Interest in getting support from Graduate College and Graduate Council on the suggestion of a more centralized platform to share available graduate assistantship positions across the university. Students noted that some opportunities are not posted on the HireOSU website.
- Insurance coverage – Questions regarding health insurance coverage for students enrolled in online classes.
- International student fee increase – Concerns about the new fee increase for international students beginning this semester.

Graduate College Report

Welcome back – Dr. Morgan thanks Marcia Sun of the GPSGA for her hard work and welcomed Abiola Samson as the new GPSGA President.

Graduate Student Orientation – Dr. Morgan reported that the Friday, August 15th orientation was well attended and informative.

Duolingo Pilot – The Graduate College is hoping to add a pilot of Duolingo as a test of English proficiency. The request has been added to the September 2025 Board of Regents agenda for approval.

International Student Recruitment – OSU has partnered with IDP (professional recruiters) to assist with attracting International Graduate Students who are self-funded Masters students.

Cancellation of under enrolled classes – Dr. Morgan asks that everyone encourage their students to enroll as early as possible to help prevent classes with fewer than 8 enrolled students from cancellation.

Student Health Insurance – only for residential students, not online students.

Graduate College Website – currently under construction and will be a year-long process.

EdVision – we are making progress on the new plan of study website. We hope to pilot with Interdisciplinary studies and CHS in the spring. Wider implementation will be Fall of 2026

Graduate Clearance Form – is no longer required.

FA25 General Graduate Faculty Meeting - will now be Fall only and is scheduled for October 17th 1:30 – 3:00.

Mentoring Workshops – Graduate College will host 4 mentoring workshops this Fall please see the Monday Memo for more details.

Old Business

Minimum Dissertation Hours – Dr. Sheehan reported there is a wide range of minimum dissertation hours requirements amongst Big 12 universities. We are somewhere in the middle.

ITA Exam Fee– Dr. Powers reported there is a \$75 fee for the exam and that fee is passed along to students. She is working with the colleges to pay this fee rather than students.

Program Modifications – Dr. Sheehan said that some program modifications and new programs that did not complete the workflow from last academic year may need to be re-entered into CourseLeaf.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made by Dr. Brien and seconded by Dr. Ramanathan. The motion was approved and the meeting adjourned at 2:44 p.m.