

Graduate Council Program Review and Awards Committee

October 10, 2025 • 9:30 am • Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Reid Oetjen (CCIE), Mehdi Razavi (COM), Corinne Bishop (UL), Jeong-Yeol Park (RCHM), Madison Goran (GSA), Stephen Eikenberry (CREOL), Ahmad Elshennawy (CECS), Daniel Marien (COS), Sara Lopez (CBA), John Weishampel (CGS), Beatriz Reyes-Foster (CGS)

Guests: Alan Fyall, Juhee Kang, Mark Hartman, Wei Wei, Yoo Ri Kim

Recorder: Emily Stettner

Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by committee chair Reid Oetjen.

General Business

The committee unanimously approved the minutes from the September 26, 2025 meeting. The October 24 and November 7 meetings are canceled due to no agenda items.

Review of Dual Degree Agreements

Between UCF and Sejong University, Seoul, South Korea

Alan Fyall summarized the agreement and provided justification for it. Details and the approval process were discussed by Mark Hartman. Sejong University is a valued academic partner of the Rosen College of Hospitality Management. This agreement provides the opportunity for students to earn a two doctoral degrees from each University following proscribed articulated coursework. The Committee discussed the agreement and unanimously voted to approve it.

Between UCF and Kyung Hee University, Seoul, South Korea

The committee agreed to review this agreement offline and return comments by email. The Committee reviewed the agreement and unanimously voted to approve it.

Review of College of Sciences

Faculty files from the Nicholson School of Communication and Media were reviewed. The votes from Sara Lopez and Jennifer Crook were displayed.

- Twenty faculty and scholar nominations were approved without further review.
- Eleven nominations were discussed by the committee:
 - Emily Stettner will contact the department to clarify the intention of nominees who are currently graduate faculty with dissertation chair nominated without dissertation chair
 - For these nominations, their final status was agreed upon based on qualifications pending department feedback.

Faculty files from the Department of Sociology and the School of Politics, Security, and International Affairs were reviewed. The votes from Corinne Bishop and Reid Oetjen were displayed.

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Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:10am. The next meeting will be November 21st via Zoom.