

Minutes
Graduate Council Curriculum Committee
February 25, 2026
2:30 p.m., Zoom

Members Present: Daniel Paulson, Kelly Kibler, Sean Moore, Nadine Guo, Connie Lester, Rich Gause, Susan Dyess, Rohan Jowallah, Elsie Olan, Valeriya Shapoval

Administrators and Guests Present: Jennifer Parham, Suha Saleh, Jackie Zhao, Pradeep Bhardwaj, Sarah “Stacy” Barber, Ranetta Guinn, Saima Owens, Patrick LiKamWa, Andrea Borowczak, Brandi Kramer, Gail Cauwell, Michael Rovito, Kendall Cortelyou, Mingjie Lin, Mansooreh Mollaghasemi, Raymonde Neal, Nolan Kline, Piotr Kulik, Juana Pasco

Recorder: Emily Stettner

Welcome and call to order.

Dr. Daniel Paulson, chair, called the meeting to order at 2:30p.m. and welcomed the Committee and administrators. A quorum was established. The minutes from the February 11, 2026 meeting were reviewed and approved.

Courses.

See the attached detailed minutes.

Revision of CECS Computer Engineering MSCpE, Accelerated BS to MSCpE Track.

The revision was on the consent agenda. The revision is to the description and prerequisites. The program revision received unanimous approval.

Revision of CECS Electrical Engineering PhD; Computer Engineering PhD.

Dr. Mingjie Lin explained the revisions are to rename required courses to formal courses, revise electives, dissertation, qualifying review, and the dissertation proposal exam. In the Computer Engineering PhD, the program details were revised. The revisions will make the curriculum, program expectations, and degree requirements more clear in the catalog. The program revisions received unanimous approval.

Revision of CECS Robotics and Autonomous Systems MSRAS.

No representative attended. Revisions include adding course substitution language to the program description, adding a required course option, and adding elective course options. The program revision received unanimous approval.

Termination of Applied Operations Research Graduate Certificate; Design for Usability Graduate Certificate.

Dr. Mansooreh Mollaghasemi explained the terminations of the certificates are due to low demand and no market need. There are no students enrolled in the programs. The program terminations received unanimous approval.

Revision of CHPS Public Health MPH.

Drs. Gail Cauwell, Michael Rovito, and Suha Saleh explained the revision is to change the name of the program from Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences MS to Public Health MPH. All of the curriculum will be moved to new tracks. The committee and guests discussed with the program presenters the potential overlap with a Public Health MPH program in development

by the College of Medicine which is in the pre-proposal stage. The presenters assured the committee that the College of Health Professions and Sciences dean and the dean of the College of Medicine discussed the proposal. University administration including the Provost and Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs approve that an MPH from both colleges is acceptable. The program revision received approval with 9 approve votes and 1 deny vote.

Addition of CHPS Public Health MPH, Health Policy, Planning, and Leadership Track; Public Health MPH, Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Track.

Drs. Gail Cauwell, Michael Rovito, and Suha Saleh explained the tracks include courses already taught in their departments. Each track focuses on a field of strength for the College of Health Professions and Sciences. The Health Policy, Planning, and Leadership Track prepares students to examine and address the policy, organizational, and systems-level factors that shape population health outcomes. The track is 44 (non-thesis) to 50 (thesis) credit hours. The Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Track prepares students to examine and address the sociocultural, behavioral, and structural factors that shape public health. The track is 42 (non-thesis) to 48 (thesis) credit hours. The track additions received approval with 9 approve votes and 1 deny vote.

Adjournment. The meeting adjourned at 3:40p.m. The next meeting is scheduled for March 11, 2026.

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P= Primary reviewer, S= Secondary reviewer

CONSENT AGENDA

1. College of Sciences

College of Sciences course revision

1. CLP 7939 ST: Clinical Psychology Externship (*P= Guo, S= Paulson*) – *Approved.*
 - Renewing special topic course to be taught for the 4th time in Summer 2026. Permanent course has already been approved to start Fall 2026.

2. College of Engineering and Computer Science

College of Engineering and Computer Science program revision

1. Computer Engineering MSCpE, Accelerated BS to MSCpE Track (*P= Guo, S= Paulson*) – *Approved.*
 - Revision to description, prerequisites

ACTION AGENDA

1. College of Engineering and Computer Science

College of Engineering and Computer Science course addition

1. EEL 5937 Applied Magnetism and Magnetic Materials (*P= Paulson, S= Guo*) – *Approved. Course title changed to Engineering Magnetism: Principles and Devices.*

College of Engineering and Computer Science program revisions

1. Electrical Engineering PhD (*P= Olan, S= Dyess*) – *Approved.*
 - Renaming required courses to formal courses, revision to electives, dissertation, Qualifying Review, Dissertation Proposal Exam
2. Computer Engineering PhD (*P= Olan, S= Dyess*) – *Approved.*
 - Renaming required courses to formal courses, revision to electives, dissertation, Qualifying Review, Dissertation Proposal Exam, Program Details

3. Robotics and Autonomous Systems MSRAS (*P= Dyess, S= Olan*) – *Approved.*
 - Adding course substitution language to description, adding required course option, adding elective course options

College of Engineering and Computer Science program terminations

1. Applied Operations Research Graduate Certificate (*P= Moore, S= Gause*) – *Approved.*
2. Design for Usability Graduate Certificate (*P= Moore, S= Gause*) – *Approved.*

2. College of Health Professions and Sciences

College of Health Professions and Sciences course revisions

1. HSC 6513 Statistical Methods for Human Health and Behavioral Research (*P= Gause, S= Moore*) – *Approved. Verified credit hour breakdown.*
 - Revising prereqs, credit hour increase from 3 to 4 credit hours
2. HSC 6717 Community Program Monitoring and Evaluation (*P= Gause, S= Moore*) – *Approved. Verified credit hour breakdown.*
 - Credit hour decrease from 3 to 2 credit hours

College of Health Professions and Sciences program revision

1. Public Health MPH (*P= Kibler, S= Jowallah*) – *Approved. Extensive conversation regarding overlap with an MPH degree in development by the College of Medicine.*
 - Renaming Health Promotion and Behavioral Sciences MS to Public Health MPH
 - Revising description, prereqs, removing curriculum- students will need to be admitted to a track (see track additions below)

College of Health Professions and Sciences track additions

1. Public Health MPH, Health Policy, Planning, and Leadership Track (*P= Jowallah, S=Kibler*) – *Approved. Thesis prefix typo corrected in Independent Learning section.*
2. Public Health MPH, Health Promotion and Behavioral Science Track (*P= Lester, S= Shapoval*) – *Approved.*