

Graduate Council Program Review and Awards Committee
September 18, 2026 • 9:30 am • Teams
MINUTES

Members Present: Reid Oetjen (CHPS), Mehdi Razavi (COM), Jennifer Crook (CON), Daniel Fandino (UL), Devon Jensen (CCIE), Jeong-Yeol Park (RCHM), Yael Zemack-Rugar (CB), Stephen Eikenberry (CREOL), Daniel Marien (COS), John Weishampel (CGS), Beatriz Reyes-Foster (CGS)

Guests: Yoo Ri Kim, David Kwun, Mark Hartman

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 4, 2026 meeting.

Review of Academic Dual Degree Agreement

Between UCF and Sookmyung Women's University, Seoul, South Korea

David Kwun and Yoo Ri Kim summarized the agreement and provided justification for it. Details, logistics, and procedures were discussed by Mark Hartman. Sookmyung Women's University will be a valued academic partner to the Rosen College of Hospitality Management. This agreement provides the opportunity for students to earn a degree from each University following proscribed articulated coursework. The committee discussed the agreement and suggested edits for improvement and clarification. The committee unanimously voted to approve the agreement pending the discussed revisions.

Review of Graduate Faculty and Scholar Reappointments

Faculty files from the College of Optics and Photonics were reviewed. The votes from Reid Oetjen and Devon Jensen were displayed.

- Twenty-seven faculty and scholar reappointments were approved without further review.
- Five reappointments were discussed by the committee:
 - For one reappointment, Emily Stettner will contact the department to inform them that faculty should go through the initial nomination process.
 - For the remaining reappointments, their final status was agreed upon.

Faculty files from the College of Engineering and Computer Science, Department of Computer Science, Department of Industrial Engineering and Management Systems, and the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering were reviewed. The votes from Jennifer Crook and Stephen Eikenberry were displayed.

- Thirty faculty and scholar reappointments were approved without further review.
- Three reappointments were discussed by the committee:
 - For one reappointment, Emily Stettner will contact the department to request an updated CV and the committee will review the new information.
 - For one reappointment, Emily Stettner will contact the department to change the status from GF to GFS due to faculty ranking.
 - For the remaining reappointment, their final status was agreed upon.

Discussions

A main reviewer for faculty reappointments was discussed and assigned for the October 2nd meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 10:24am. The next meeting will be October 2nd via Teams.