



Graduate Council

Agenda

November 13, 2025

- 1) Call to order
- 2) Sign-in in sheet
- 3) Previous Meeting Minutes
- 4) Committee Reports
 - a. Research (Jeremy Logsdon) Report attached
 - b. Policy (Wes Cottongim) No report
 - c. Curriculum (Erin Warfel) Report attached
- 5) Other business
 - a. Graduate Studies
- 6) Calendar and next meeting (12/11 @ 2:30 PM Zoom? Due to Senate Meeting)
- 7) Adjournment

Attachment: Reports



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Minutes – November 6, 2025, 2:30 PM (CT) - Zoom

Voting Members: Erin Warfel, Dan Strunk, Jessi Thomsen, Elnad Jasarevic, and Jessi Thomsen voting for Leslie Tarbett.

Advisory Members: Cate Webb, Danita Kelley, Jamie DeYoung, Jessica Dorris, Jennifer Hammonds, Jenni Redifer, Rheanna Plemons

Guests: Michael Reece, Trudy Little, Laura Hudson, Mikhail Khenner, Thomas Kingery, Stacy Leggett, Phillip Gunter, Ellen Casale, Sue Keesey, Stephen King, Jieyoung Kong, Richard Schugart, Navdeep Singh, Gregory Ellis-Griffith, Luiz Pereira Silva, Kandy Smith, Rick Grieve, Christina Noel, Alison Langdon, Todd Willian, Melanie Eaton

Approval of Minutes- September 29, 2025 - 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk, **Vote:** Approved (5/5)

Course Administration:

Graduate Curriculum Committee (56)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
GEOS 512	GEOS 512: Special Topics in Meteorology/Climatology	Added	grg07567	9/25/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Webb gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
Motion to Bundle all ABA courses: Warfel/Thomsen Vote to Bundle: Approved (4 Yes) Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen Discussion: Trudy Little gave a brief description. Warfel asked way some implementation dates are different, and Little explained it was done on purpose. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
ABA 501	ABA 501: Basic Principles of Applied Behavior Analysis	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 502	ABA 502: Assessment in ABA	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 503	ABA 503: ABA Seminar 1	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 504	ABA 504: Experimental Analysis of Behavior	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 505	ABA 505: Intervention in ABA	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 506	ABA 506: ABA Seminar 2	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 507	ABA 507: Organizational Behavior Management in Applied Behavior Analysis	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025



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ABA 508	ABA 508: ABA Seminar 3	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 509	ABA 509: Ethics for Applied Behavior Analysis	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 510	ABA 510: Research Methods in Applied Behavior Analysis	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 511	ABA 511: ABA Seminar 4	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 512	ABA 512: Applied Behavior Analysis Capstone	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 513	ABA 513: ABA Clinical Practicum	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
ABA 514	ABA 514: ABA Independent Study	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025
Bundle EDFN and EDAD courses – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen Vote on Bundle: Approved Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Stacy Leggett gave a brief description of all courses. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
EDFN 613	EDFN 613: Action Research in Education Administration	Added	lrh61743	10/8/2025
EDAD 602	EDAD 602: Introduction to School Leadership	Edited	lrh61743	10/8/2025
EDAD 603	EDAD 603: School Law and Policy	Edited	lrh61743	10/8/2025
EDAD 604	EDAD 604: Creating a Culture of Achievement	Edited	lrh61743	10/8/2025
EDAD 608	EDAD 608: Resource Management for Equitable Outcomes	Edited	lrh61743	10/8/2025
EDAD 631	EDAD 631: Leading Learning	Edited	lrh61743	10/8/2025
EDAD 632	EDAD 632: Collaborative Approaches to School Improvement	Edited	lrh61743	10/8/2025
LTCY 527	LTCY 527: Differentiation in Literacy Education	Edited	nnc72131	10/8/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Sue Keesey gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
SLP 592	SLP 592: Applied Clinical Experience for SLP-A's	Added	brt95149	10/27/2025
Removed at request of proponent				
Motion to Bundle all ANSC courses: Warfel/Strunk Vote to Bundle: Approved (4 Yes) Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen Discussion: Phillip Gunter gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				



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ANSC 542	ANSC 542: Advanced Beef Production	Added	wl199339	10/30/2025
ANSC 543	ANSC 543: Advanced Beef Production Laboratory	Added	wl199339	10/30/2025
ANSC 531	ANSC 531: Advanced Dairy Production	Added	wl199339	10/30/2025
ANSC 580	ANSC 580: Advanced Digestive Anatomy of Ruminant Animals	Added	wl199339	10/30/2025
ANSC 558	ANSC 558: Advanced Animal Growth and Development	Added	wl199339	10/30/2025
ANSC 520	ANSC 520: Advanced Meat Processing	Added	wl199339	10/30/2025
ANSC 537	ANSC 537: Advanced Reproductive Physiology	Edited	wl199339	10/30/2025
ANSC 538	ANSC 538: Advanced Physiology/Reproduction Lab	Edited	wl199339	10/30/2025
ANSC 548	ANSC 548: Advanced Applied Animal Nutrition	Edited	ph116936	10/30/2025
Motion to Bundle all AGECE/AGED/AGRI courses: Warfel/Thomsen Vote to Bundle: Approved (4 Yes) Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Stephen King gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
AGEC 563	AGEC 563: Advanced Agricultural Finance	Edited	wl199339	10/30/2025
AGEC 568	AGEC 568: Advanced World Food Development	Edited	wl199339	10/30/2025
AGED 583	AGED 583: Curriculum Development and Design in Agricultural Education	Edited	thm32673	10/30/2025
AGED 584	AGED 584: Program Development, Evaluation, and Improvement in Agricultural Education	Edited	wl199339	10/30/2025
AGRI 589	AGRI 589: Advanced Agricultural Statistics	Edited	wl199339	10/30/2025
AGRI 593	AGRI 593: Advanced Sustainable Agriculture	Edited	wl199339	10/30/2025
AGRI 598	AGRI 598: Graduate Seminar	Edited	wl199339	10/30/2025
Motion to Bundle all PLSS courses: Warfel/Thomsen Vote to Bundle: Approved (4 Yes) Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen Discussion: Todd Willian & Stephen King gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				



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PLSS 525	PLSS 525: Advanced Forage Production Management	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
PLSS 575	PLSS 575: Special Topics in Agronomy	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
PLSS 509	PLSS 509: Advanced Weed Ecology and Management	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
PLSS 510	PLSS 510: Advanced Weed Ecology and Management Laboratory	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
PLSS 522	PLSS 522: Advanced Grain Crop Production	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
PLSS 552	PLSS 552: Advanced Soil Ecosystems	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
PLSS 554	PLSS 554: Advanced Soil and Water Conservation	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
PLSS 519	PLSS 519: Principles of Fruit, Vegetable, and Viticulture Production	Edited	rgr79842	10/30/2025
PLSS 576	PLSS 576: Advanced Topics in Horticultural Sciences	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
PLSS 676	PLSS 676: Advanced Topics in Horticultural Sciences	Edited	wll99339	10/30/2025
Motion to Bundle all MATH/STAT courses: Warfel/Thomsen Vote to Bundle: Approved (4 Yes) Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen Discussion: Mikhail Khenner & Richard Schugart gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
MATH 405G	MATH 405G: Numerical Analysis	Edited	rch75904	10/30/2025
MATH 406G	MATH 406G: Numerical Linear Algebra with Applications in Data Science	Edited	rch75904	10/30/2025
MATH 545	MATH 545: Applied Analysis	Added	rch75904	10/30/2025
MATH 597	MATH 597: Internship at Intersection of Data Science and Mathematics/Statistics	Added	mkh52914	10/30/2025
STAT 480G	STAT 480G: Advanced Statistical Data Analysis	Added	rch75904	10/30/2025
BIOL 565	BIOL 565: Model Systems in Biological Research	Added	smr85629	10/30/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Webb gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				



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Review Program Changes:

Program Administration

Graduate Curriculum Committee (14)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
121	121: Educational Leadership and Administration, Rank I	Edited	stc86850	10/8/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Stacy Leggett gave a brief description. Danita Kelley asked if there are new courses in the program Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
Motion to Bundle 0499 & 131: Strunk/Thomsen Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Discussion: For 0499, Leggett gave a brief description. Plemons spoke about a friendly amendment on the title itself, Leggett approved the amendment. <i>Friendly Amendment for 0499: Title Changed back to, Instructional Leadership, drop the School Principal</i> Vote: Approved				
0499	0499: Educational Leadership and Administration, MAE	Edited	stc86850	10/8/2025
131	131: Educational Leadership and Administration, Certification Only	Edited	stc86850	10/8/2025
1751	1751: Epidemiology	Edited	xhd69287	10/27/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Michael Reece gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
0471	0471: Organizational Communication	Edited	jyn21880	10/2/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Jieyoung Kong gave a brief description. Slimming the hours and removing courses that are no longer taught. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
0478	0478: Creative Writing	Edited	trn69263	10/2/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Alison Langdon gave a brief description. Added some courses that provide more options for the students Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
/programadmin/418/index.html	: Applied Behavior Analysis	Added	ell06551	10/1/2025



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Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Trudy Little gave a brief description. Brand new program, which is very aligned to the governing body. Course work is all tied to hours. Redifer is a huge supporter in her faculty role. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
0504	0504: Applied Communication	Edited	jyn21880	10/3/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen Discussion: Jieyoung Kong gave a brief description. Adding some EMDS courses to expand learning. Friendly Amendment – Under Total Hours change EDMS Abbreviation to EMDS Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
0013	0013: Physical Therapy	Edited	pnn51910	10/27/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen Discussion: Danita Kelley gave a brief description in place of faculty. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
092	092: Psychology	Edited	frd92222	10/1/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Rick Grieve gave a brief description. Admissions requirements changed a bit. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
/programadmin/408/index.html	: Statistical Data Science	Added	rch75904	10/30/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Thomsen Discussion: Richard Schugart & Mikhail Khenner gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
085	085: Mathematics	Edited	rch75904	10/30/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Richard Schugart & Mikhail Khenner gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
/programadmin/410/index.html	: Health Policy and Systems Management	Added	mln43600	10/30/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk Discussion: Ellis-Griffith gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				
/programadmin/411/index.html	: Digital Health and Data Management	Added	mln43600	10/30/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Warfel/Strunk				



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Discussion: Ellis-Griffith gave a brief description. Vote: Approved (4 Yes)				

Informational Item(s): None

Other Business: None

Adjourn at 3:45pm - 1st/2nd – Warfel/Thomsen

Respectfully submitted,

GCCC Recorder

Jessica Steenbergen

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Appendix A

Graduate Council Curriculum Committee

Minutes – September 29, 2025, 2:30 PM (CT) - Zoom

Voting Members: Erin Warfel, Dan Strunk, Jessi Thomsen, Elnad Jasarevic, and Leslie Tarbett

Advisory Members: Merrall Price, Cate Webb, Danita Kelley, Jennifer Klemm, Jamie DeYoung, Jessica Dorris, and Jennifer Hammonds

Guests: Michael Reece

Approval of Minutes- September 4, 2025 - 1st/2nd: Warfel/Tarbett, Vote: Approved (5/5)

Review Program Changes:

Program Administration

Graduate Curriculum Committee (1)				
Code	Title	Status	Initiator	Received
152	152: Public Health	Edited	mch39796	9/15/2025
Motion to Approve – 1st/2nd: Stunk/Tarbett				
Discussion: Reece gave a brief description. Webb, asked dropping electives to twelve instead of six; Are you adding new courses or adapting others? Reece answered, yes, those courses do exist on books now. Webb, Are the internships paid? Reece said it				



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depends, sometimes but several of them are military and they often do an internship with the process.				
Vote: Approved (5/5)				

Informational Item(s): Webb stated, within OGDEN there will be lots of curriculum changes coming through very soon. Klemm echoed that comment about CEBS.

Other Business: None

Adjourn at 2:45pm - 1st/2nd – Warfel/Tarbett

Respectfully submitted,

GCCC Recorder

Jessica Steenbergen



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Research Committee

Agenda — October 24, 2025

Members Present: Jerry Brotge, Daniel Keller, Jeremy Logsdon (chair), Sara McCaslin

I. New Business:

- 32 applications were submitted requesting funding
 - 15 applications classified as “research”
 - 17 applications classified as “travel”
- Total Funds Requested = \$31,554.99
 - Total Research Funds Requested = \$21,783.99
 - Total Travel Funds Requested = \$9,771.00
- Total Funds Recommended by GCRC = \$29,253.24
 - Total Research Funds Recommended = \$21,325.24
 - Total Travel Funds Recommended = \$7928.00

Research Applications Recommended for Funding

1. Alavi, Charlie. Geoscience (Dr. Giliane Rasbold) “Calibrating Charcoal Records to Improve Paleofire Reconstructions from Jackson Lake Sediments” [Requesting \$1500 for research]
2. Ali, Sonia. Biology (Dr. Hilary Katz) “Analyzing swimming kinematics of the larval sea lamprey (*Petromyzon marinus*) following a complete spinal cord transection” [Requesting \$543 for research]
3. Arguha, Annie. Chemistry (Dr. Eric Conte) “Quantitative Analysis of Antimicrobial B-Defensin Proteins in Bovine Milk Using Liquid Chromatography- Mass Spectrometry” [Requesting \$2000 for research]



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4. Cross, Ashley. Clinical Psychology (Dr. Christopher Peters) “Human Trafficking Prevalence, Knowledge, and Feelings of Safety in Student and Non-Student Populations” [Requesting \$1600 for research]
5. Dickerson, Dalton. Psychological Sciences (Dr. Matthew Woodward) “Betrayal Trauma and PTSD: The Role of Social Support, Network Orientation, and Attachment in PTSD Outcomes” [Requesting \$2000 for research, committee recommending \$1541.25 based upon previous research award to student]
6. Fletcher, Keegan. Biology (Dr. Steve Huskey) “Wolf Eel Bite Force and Tooth Stress” [Requesting \$2000 in research]
7. Galvez, Monica. Geoscience (Dr. Patricia Kambesis) “Influence of Karst Conduit Morphology on Sediment Transport and Deposition in Epigenic Caves” [Requesting \$599 in research, committee recommending full amount allowable based upon previous funding – application was not clear on previous awarded amounts]
8. Lindsay, Cassandra. School Psychology (Dr. Sarah Bonis) “Parenting Matters: How Parenting Styles Contribute to Risky Behavior” [Requesting \$1000 for research]
9. Samek, Isaiah. Biology (Dr. Jarrett Johnson) “Genetic Diversity and Population Structure of the Florida Scrub Lizard (*Sceloporus woodi*) in a Fragmented Forest” [Requesting \$2000 for research]
10. Slattery, Hannah. Biology (Dr. Scott Grubbs) “Systematic and distributional assessment of northeastern Nearctic *Alloperla* (Plecoptera: Chloroperlidae) species” [Requesting \$2000 for research]
11. Spalding, Grant. Biology (Dr. Keith Philips) “Systematics and Biogeography of *Pseudeurostus*” [Requesting \$2000 for research]
12. Staggs, Ashley. Educational Leadership Doctoral Program (Dr. Gary Houchens) “Intervention One: Parent Interviews” [Requesting \$75 in research]
13. Taylor, Ashley. Educational Leadership Doctoral Program (Dr. Wren Mills) “Supporting an Intervention Concerning Perfectionism in High-Achieving Students” [Requesting \$1750 in research]
14. Wilhelm, Mark. Biology (Dr. Keith Philips) “Phylogeography and species delineation of *Pseudanophthalmus Jeannel*” [Requesting \$2000 in research]
15. Wolf, Stacia. PsyD Program (Dr. Sarah Bonis) “Student Self-Determination and Collaborative Assessment” [Requesting \$716.99 in research]

Travel Applications Recommended for Funding

1. Ademola, Ganiyu. Chemistry (Dr. Lei Li) “Manipulating self-healing polymers: Applications of the host-guest interaction in functional materials” [Requesting \$500 for travel]



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2. Aguilar, Bradley. Psychological Sciences (Dr. Jenni Teeters) “Like a Prayer: Examining the Impact of Religiosity on Alcohol Refusal Self-Efficacy and Binge Drinking in Hispanic/Latino Adults” [Requesting \$500 for travel]
3. Aham, Victor. Geoscience (Dr. M. Royhan Gani) “Deep Learning-Based Salt Boundary Identification in the Gulf of Mexico” [Requesting \$500 for travel]
4. Boateng, Ama O. (Dr. Diane M. Lickenbrock) “Parenting Under Pressure: The Impact of Anxiety and Partner Support on Parenting Efficacy in Mothers and Fathers” [Requesting \$500 for travel]
5. Bow, Amber. Psychological Sciences (Dr. Amy Brausch) “Prevalence and Age of Onset for Self-Harm Thoughts and Behaviors in Sexual and Gender Minority Young Adults in Rural Areas” [Requesting \$500 for travel]
6. Dickerson, Dalton. Psychological Sciences (Dr. Matthew Woodward) “Romantic Partners vs. Friends in Adjustment to a Sexual Assault Analogue Trauma” [Requesting \$500 for travel]
7. Ferguson, Robert. Homeland Security Sciences (Dr. Joshua Durkee) “Synopsis of the 2025 May 16 Russell, Pulaski, and Laurel County EF4 Tornado” [Requesting \$500 for travel]
8. Guercio, Harmony. Homeland Security Sciences (Dr. Joshua Durkee) “Advancing Disaster Resilience Through the Integration of Meteorology and Emergency Management” [Requesting \$500 for travel]
9. Harner, Jenson. Biology (Dr. Marquardt) “Investigating the Mechanisms of Polarisome Regulation By the Kinase Elm1” [Requesting \$428 for travel]
10. Meredith, Nathan D. Psychological Sciences (Dr. Jenni Teeters) “Driving While Smoking Cannabis: Associations with Methods of Use Prior to Driving” [Requesting \$500 for travel]
11. Pahari, Samir. Geoscience (Dr. Nahid D. Gani) “Advancing Flood Susceptibility Prediction With Deep Learning In North Fork Kentucky River Basin, Eastern Kentucky” [Requesting \$1999 in travel, Committee recommending \$500 per guidelines]
12. Siyanbola, Emmanuel Tomiwa. Computational Mathematics (Dr. Lukun Zheng) “Hybrid Transformer–LSTM with Multitask Quantile Learning for Bitcoin Volatility and VaR Forecasting” [Requesting \$500 in travel]
13. Staggs, Ashley. Educational Leadership Doctoral Program (Dr. Gary Houchens) “Reducing Chronic Absenteeism: Applying Improvement Science...” [Requesting \$500 in travel]
14. Walker, Kennedi. School Psychology (Dr. Sarah Bonis) “COVID Literature in School Psychology” [Requesting \$500 in travel]
15. Wildman, Madeline. Psychological Sciences (Dr. Amy Brausch) “Resilience, Experience with Therapy, and Suicide Attempts Among College Students” [Requesting \$500 in travel]
16. Wolf, Stacia. PsyD Program (Dr. Sarah Bonis) “Empowering Students through Collaborative Assessment Practices” [Requesting \$500 in travel]



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Not Funded

1. Adebayo, Olusegun J. Mathematics (Dr. Ferhan Atici) “The Impact of Goals on Attention, Anxiety, and Performance” [Requesting \$344 for travel, Committee recommending \$0 for travel. The only issue is that this was a request for reimbursement, not grant funds, and the guidelines are clear: “Expenses incurred prior to receiving the grant are ineligible for reimbursement.”]