

## **Graduate Council Minutes**

April 8, 2026

**Present:** Brown, Davis, Lincoln, Nadeau, Pickard, Randol, Talepasand, Wong, Woods, Morris, Hanson, Holmes, Treece

**Absent:** Chrzanowska-Jeske, Fuller, Holz, Tankersley

**Guests:** Brad Wipfli, OHSU-PSU School of Public Health  
Antonie Jetter, Engineering and Technology Management  
Atul Ingle, Computer Science

### **Agenda**

#### **Minutes from March 11 meeting**

#### **Consent Agenda**

- PA 552 Quantitative Methods for Public and Nonprofit Managers, 4 credits - change prereqs

#### **Old Business**

##### **Panel 2**

##### **School of Public Health**

- MPH in Epidemiology - change to existing program: replace old core with new 7-course core, update other requirements, create new culminating experience credits, reduce total credits for the degree from 60 to 56
- MPH in Environmental Systems and Human Health - change to existing program: replace old core with new 7-course core, update other requirements, new culminating experience credits, reduce total credits for the degree from 60 to 56
- PUBH 523 Introduction to R, 1 credit - new course
- PUBH 623 Introduction to R, 1 credit - new course
- PHE 468/568 Transgender & Gender Minority Health, 3 credits - new course
- ESHH 534 Environmental Law for Public Health, 3 credits - new course

#### **New Business**

##### **Panel 1**

##### **Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science**

- CRTGR in Artificial Intelligence - new certificate program

- CRTGR in Management of AI Transformation - new certificate program
- CRTGR in Semiconductor Materials & Manufacturing - change to existing program: add new required course, drop needed electives from 3 to 2 courses
- ME 579 Material Surface Analysis: The Principal Techniques and Applications, 4 credits - new course [cross-listed with ME 679]
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- CE 452/552 Transportation Systems Simulation and Modeling, 4 credits - new course

## **Panel 2**

### **College of Liberal Arts and Sciences**

- NAS 444/544 ReIndigenizing Soundscapes, 4 credits - new course

The meeting was called to order at 12:01 p.m.

*It was moved (Davis) and seconded (Brown) to approve the March 11 minutes as submitted. The motion was approved unanimously.*

With the approval of the minutes, the consent agenda was passed.

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Wipfli joined the meeting to answer questions previously identified by the Council.

- PUBH 523 and 623 received similar feedback from OHSU about the course content not being robust enough for the graduate level. The course proposals were revised based on their feedback and the updates sent to GC for review. Wipfli also addressed the course being intended for epidemiology majors, but there were still questions from Council members about instruction in R not needing to be embedded in a discipline. The concerns

about these courses were significant enough that the question was asked: what if GC does not approve them? Wipfli said he was not sure. Morris said that it would cause a significant delay for all the MPH change proposals.

- Wipfli addressed overlap in ESHH 534 and acknowledged there was a significant amount with other courses inside and outside ESHH, but he said this is a distinct course despite that overlap. The course content is required per their accreditation.
- He said that he has not yet spoken to the course instructor of PHE 486/586 about dual level distinction.

Wipfli was excused.

It was moved and seconded to approve five of the SPH proposals (excluding PHE 468/568), but the motion was not acted on. There were extensive discussions about PUBH 523 and 623 in terms of course level and overlap. There was consensus that the Council still has significant concerns about PUBH 523 and 623 and that they could not approve them at this time.

Morris pointed out that the two ESHH proposals are separate and could proceed on their own.

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*It was moved (Brown) and seconded (Lincoln) to approve these two proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.*

Pickard will take remaining questions about PUBH 523 and 623 back to the proposers. Input about dual level distinction for PHE 468/568 is still outstanding.

## **New Business**

### **Panel 1**

#### **Maseeh College of Engineering and Computer Science**

- CRTGR in Artificial Intelligence - new certificate program

Ingle joined the meeting and provided an overview of the program. The certificate is designed to provide the knowledge and techniques students need for the current job market and is built on the department's existing work in AI and machine learning. Various applications of AI, as well as ethical implications, are addressed. The target audience is already enrolled students and working professionals in industry looking to expand their knowledge.

Ingle was excused.

*It was moved (Davis) and seconded (Nadeau) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- CRTGR in Management of AI Transformation - new certificate program

Jetter joined the meeting and provided an overview of the program. The ETM program is designed for working professionals to gain skills in both the technology itself, and the management of technology, as they progress through their careers. This certificate aims to provide knowledge about a fundamentally new technology along with the management skills in this area.

Jetter was excused.

*It was moved (Brown) and seconded (Davis) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.*

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*It was moved (Pickard) and seconded (Davis) to approve these three proposals. The motion was approved unanimously.*

- CE 452/552 Transportation Systems Simulation and Modeling, 4 credits - new course

*It was moved (Brown) and seconded (Talepasand) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.*

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*It was moved (Talepasand) and seconded (Davis) to approve this proposal. The motion was approved unanimously.*

The meeting was adjourned at 1:23 p.m.