

**University Council Minutes**  
**April 6, 2026**  
**3:30 p.m.**  
**2420 North End Center and Zoom**

**Present:** Julie Ross for Tim Sands (presiding), April Myers, Ron Fricker for Julie Ross, Amy Sebring, Bryan Garey, Frances Keene, Kim O'Rourke, Aimée Suprenant, Jill Sible, Mike Gutter for Mario Ferruzzi, Daniel Givens, Laura Belmonte, Tsai Lu Liu, Kevin Pitts, Saskia van de Gevel, David Knight, Saonee Sarker, Rebecca Bott-Knutson, Jennifer Johnson, Justin Lemkul, Rachel Miles, James Hawdon, Marlena McGlothlin Lester, Jennifer Jones, Gabe Petry, Jasmine Boyd, Emma Roshioru, Atharva Shashank Kokane, Thomas Feely, Lindsay Ricci, Pooja Bhagawat, Gyang Chung, Taylor Peele, Katie Drinkwater Gregg, Marc Michel, Nicole Pitterson, Eric Martin, Jerald Walz, Kim Loeffert, Davie Xie, Renée LeClair, Terri Pecora, Amber Robinson, Jennifer Clevenger, Jim Tokuhisa, and Jan Helge Bøhn

**Absent with Notice:** Amber Hagan, Guru Ghosh, Lee Learman, Serena Young, and Clay Crumpler

**Absent:** Daniel Sui, Menah Pratt, Tyler Walters, Amanda Morris, Nicole Connors, Ron Meyers, Rebecca Hester, and Ronnie Mondal

**Guests:** Larry Cox, II, Rachel Gabriele, Kyle Johnson, Kat Nelson, Sally Shupe, Demetria Somervell, and Lori Rose

Provost Ross called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m. A quorum was present.

### **1. Adoption of the Agenda**

A motion was made and seconded to adopt the agenda. The motion passed.

### **2. Announcement of review and approval of minutes of March 16, 2026**

Provost Ross noted that these minutes have been voted on electronically and can be publicly accessed on the Governance Information System on the [governance website](#).

### **3. New Business**

#### **CAPFA Resolution 2025-26A**

Commission on Administrative and Professional Affairs  
Revision to AP Faculty Senate Constitution to Update AP Faculty Representation to Constituent Areas

Jennifer Jones presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution addresses challenges with the current AP Faculty Senate representation structure, which lacks flexibility and results in uneven representation across areas. The proposal recommends aligning constituent areas with senior management areas and establishing proportional representation based on AP faculty population. It also suggests moving fixed representation numbers out of the constitution and into the bylaws to allow for a more adaptable and balanced system moving forward.

#### **CGPSP Resolution 2025-26C**

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

## Resolution to Form a Working Group to Review Policy 6210 – Management of Graduate Assistantships and Tuition Remission

Renée LeClair presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution proposes forming a campus working group to review Policy 6210 on management of graduate assistantships and graduate tuition. The working group would focus on evaluating and recommending updates related to minimum sick and personal leave, additional leave categories such as bereavement, clarification of assistantship duties, and potential policy changes.

### **CGPSP Resolution 2025-26D**

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies  
Resolution to Replace PPM 232

Renée LeClair presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution proposes to replace Presidential Policy Memorandum 232, which governs the deletion of untaught courses. The resolution aims to align graduate course deletion practices with the undergraduate policy by establishing a five-year minimum period before courses are removed. A question was raised about whether resources from deleted courses would be reallocated to other programs; it was clarified that resource allocation decisions are handled at the college or departmental level and are not addressed within this policy.

### **CGPSP Resolution 2025-26E**

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies  
Resolution to Revise Policy on Graduate Academic Appeals

Renée LeClair presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution proposes revising the graduate academic appeals policy to include a defined timeline for initiating grade appeals. This change aligns with undergraduate policy by requiring students to begin the appeals process as soon as possible, but no later than the end of the next academic term. This will clearly define the filing deadlines for those appeals processes.

### **CGPSP Resolution 2025-26F**

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies  
Resolution to Retire Presidential Policy Memoranda Regarding Graduate Education and Establish the Graduate Catalog as the Definitive Repository of Official University Policy Governing Graduate Education and Program Specific Requirements

Renée LeClair presented the resolution for first reading. This resolution proposes retiring a series of 40 Presidential Policy Memoranda related to graduate education. These will now be located within the graduate catalog as the central policy repository. The resolution does not eliminate the policies but reorganizes and maps them to appropriate locations in the catalog for improved clarity and accessibility. Each year CGPSP will review the graduate catalog to ensure that subsequent CGPSP resolutions approved by University Council have been included and accurately stated in the updated catalog.

## **4. Announcement of approval and posting of UC Cabinet, Commission, and Committee Minutes**

These minutes have been voted on electronically and will be posted on the university [governance website](#). Note that the purpose of voting on minutes of the University Council

Cabinet, Commissions, and Committees reporting to University Council Cabinet is to accept them for filing. University Council Bylaws require that policy items be brought forward in resolution form for University Council action.

- Commission on Administrative and Professional Faculty Affairs  
February 13, 2026
- Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies  
February 4, 2026  
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- Commission on Outreach and International Affairs  
February 19, 2026
- Commission on Research  
February 12, 2026
- Commission on Staff Policies and Affairs  
February 5, 2026
- Commission on Undergraduate Studies and Policies  
January 26, 2026  
February 9, 2026  
February 23, 2026
- Climate Action, Sustainability, and Energy Committee  
February 23, 2026

## **5. Adjournment**

There being no further business, a motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 3:40 p.m.