

MINUTES  
Graduate Studies Committee  
September 10, 2025

**Present:** Dean Harrison; Academic Affairs Manager Diamantis-Fry; Student Representative Davila; Professors DeSimone, Kennelly, McGovern, Seiger, and Wang  
**Guest:** Registrar Rosario

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 11 a.m.
- 2) The committee approved the minutes from the meeting on May 7, 2025.
- 3) Members welcomed Dean Harrison, the new administrator representative assigned to Graduate Studies by the President. Members also welcomed Student Representative Christian Davila. The committee looks forward to working with these new members and having their valuable input.
- 4) Prof. DeSimone thanked Prof. McGovern for assuming the role of committee chair while she was on fellowship last spring. Prof. DeSimone recognized all the time and effort Prof. McGovern devoted to this committee. Also, Registrar Rosario and Academic Affairs Manager Diamantis-Fry for the constant support they give this committee and for always going above-and-beyond in their roles.
- 5) The committee discussed and approved proposals from the following departments and decided to send them to the Senate for final approval (pending revisions):

Department of Health Promotion and Nutrition Sciences

- Degree changes: M.S.Ed., Health Education
- Certificate changes: Advanced Certificate, Health Education,

Department of Speech-Language-Hearing Sciences

- Degree changes: M.A., Speech-Language Pathology with Bilingual Extension
- Degree changes: M.A., Speech-Language Pathology
- Degree changes: M.A., Speech-Language Pathology (Teaching Students with Speech-Language Disabilities track)
- Course changes: SPE 730

- 6) The committee elected Prof. DeSimone as committee chair for the 25-26 academic year.
- 7) The committee revisited some issues (including, but not limited to, encouraging interdisciplinary partnerships; sharing resources and reducing program and course duplication when it makes sense). Members agreed to invite the Provost or the

Associate Provost to a meeting to better understand Lehman's vision regarding new programs to ensure that the committee is supporting this through its work.

8) ***Informational Item***

The committee approved one experimental course from the following department:

Department of Health Promotion and Nutrition Sciences

- Experimental course: HEA 536

The meeting adjourned at 12:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet R. DeSimone, Chair