

Report of the Graduate Committee to the Faculty Senate

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Date of Report: April 28, 2025

Committee Name: Graduate Committee

Committee Purpose: The purpose of the Graduate Committee is to review and make recommendations on matters of importance to graduate education.

Committee Chair and Members (with departments/colleges)

College / School	Representative	Term Date
Business and Entrepreneurship	Hale Kaynak	8/31/2027
Engineering and Computer Science	Dumitru Caruntu	8/31/2025
Education and P-16 Integration	Michelle Abrego, Chair	8/31/2025
Fine Arts	Katrina Roush	8/31/2026
Health Professions	Lisa Salinas	8/31/2025
School of Nursing	Rebecca Hernandez	8/31/2025
Liberal Arts	Dean Kyne	8/31/2027
Science	Vacant	Vacant
School of Medicine	Vacant	Vacant
School of Social Work	Denise Longoria	8/31/2025
University Library	Vacant	Vacant
Graduate College (Ex-Officio)	Can (John) Saygin	Term Does Not End
VP for Curriculum and Institutional Assessment (Ex-Officio)	Laura Saenz	Term Does Not End

List of meeting dates

As of the date of this report, eight meetings of the Graduate Committee have been held. All meetings are held via Teams and recorded.

Graduate Meeting Dates
September 6 th
October 4 th
November 1 st
December 6 th

January 10 th
February 7 th
March 7 th
April 4 th

List of issues committee addressed related to its purpose

Through its April 4th meeting, the Graduate Committee has considered 193 proposals. The following table includes a summary of the proposals by college and proposal type.

College	Proposal Type	Number of Proposals
Business and Entrepreneurship	Change Course	4
	Change Program	10
	Delete Course	4
	Delete Program	2
	New Course	11
	New Program	4
Education	Change Course	20
	Change Program	14
	Delete Program	5
	New Course	7
	New Program	3
Engineering and Computer Science	Change Course	11
	Change Program	4
	New Course	15
	New Program	1
Health Professions	Change Course	3
	Change Program	2
	Delete Course	1
	New Course	2
Liberal Arts	Change Course	6
	Change Program	9
	New Course	7
Medicine	Change Course	1
	Change Program	1
	Deleted Course	5
Social Work	Change Course	15
	Delete Course	4
	Delete Program	6
	New Course	9
	New Program	4
Sciences	Change Course	2
	Change Program	1

	Delete Program	1
	New Course	3

In addition to the proposals above the following programs were endorsed to remove the GRE/GMAT from program admission requirements. External approval from UT System is pending.

The programs impacted include:

Admissions Changes
MS Physician Assistant
MA School Psychology

Summary of discussions on each topic

All proposals were discussed through a lens of student success with a focus on ensuring that proposed changes would remove barriers to graduation.

Changes to courses include: (a) changes to course title, (b) changes to course descriptions, (c) changes to course pre- or co-requisites, (d) change to schedule type, (e), changes to contact hours, (f) changes to course repeatability, (f) changes to CIP code, and other changes.

Changes to programs range from substantive to non-substantive.

Summary of motions or recommendations approved, with vote totals (if available)

After review by the Graduate Committee, all proposals were approved during each meeting. Those not approved were tabled and brought back to the committee for further discussion and approval. All voting occurs during the meeting using Microsoft office polls. Please see [minutes](#) on the Office of Curriculum and Institutional Assessment website for a count of motions and committee votes.