

MINUTES
Graduate Studies Committee
September 9, 2026

Present: Dean Harrison; Academic Affairs Manager Diamantis-Fry; Graduate Studies Director Ali; Professors DeSimone, Kennelly, Liat, McGovern, Seiger, and Wang

Student Representatives: S. Colon and K. Lopez

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 6, 2026.
- 3) The committee was glad to welcome new student representatives: Kateleen Lopez and Sam Colon. The committee values student input.
- 4) The committee discussed and approved proposals from the following department, pending revisions:

Department of Counseling, Leadership, Literacy, and Special Education

- Change in degree requirements: Clinical Mental Health Counseling, MS (*program code: 42368*)
 - Change in degree requirement: Counselor Education: School Counseling, MEd (*program code: 41528*)
 - Course changes (adding *e-Permit Not Allowed* attribute): all EDL 700-, 800-, and 900-level courses
 - Additional course changes: EDL 912, 913, 930, and 950
 - New program: Students with Disabilities (All Grades), Trans B
 - Withdrawal of Program: Literacy Education (All Grades), MEd (*program code 25809*)
 - Addition of Distance Education Format: Literacy Education (All Grades), Advanced Certificate (*program code 41932*)
- 5) The following proposal, from the *Department of Exercise Sciences and Recreation*, was sent back for revisions. The department also needs to submit a proposal to change degree requirements, since they are adding an elective. Once we receive the revised proposals, we will review them again.
 - New course: EXS 510
 - 6) The committee discussed strategies for better organizing and streamlining proposal submission. Lehman appears to submit curriculum changes more frequently than most CUNY schools. Departments that submit multiple times throughout the semester are being asked to try to plan ahead and group submissions when appropriate. Perhaps managing the internal proposal submission process more

effectively will result in a more orderly and less frequent external process. The GSC will continue to brainstorm ways to collaborate with departments to ensure that the submission process is efficient.

The meeting adjourned at 12 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet R. DeSimone, Chair