



**Graduate Executive Committee**  
**3/14/2025**  
**Minutes**

**Attendees:**

**Voting Members:** Assma Sawani, Bob Camley, Carlos Diaz, James Pearson, James Van Scotter, Jeremy Bono, Johanna Cresswell Baez, Kara Carnes-Holt, Katie Sullivan, LaVonne Johnson, Lei “Frank” Zhang, Leilani Feliciano, Mandi Elder

**Non – Voting Members:** Amy Rodas, Andrea Williams, Asjia Trotter-McGill, Bee Bish, Bri Newland, Chris Beiswanger, David DuBois, Diep Dao, Hillary Fouts, Janel Owens, Jenny Russell, Jessica Kirby, Jose Mora, Juliana Bigelow, Kim Paine, Lauren Harriott, Mary Rupp, Megan Rogers, Minette Church, Monica Yoo, Sam Adams, Stephani Hosain, Sudhanshu Semwal, Susan Eldridge, Wendi Clouse

Agenda Items:

- Graduate School Gonfalon for Spring Commencement (Hillary Fouts)
  - Megan Rogers has volunteered the College of Business to carry the Graduate School Gonfalon
- Federal Transition Discussion (Hillary Fouts)
  - Open discussion on the impact on programs and students, the following topics were discussed:
    - Concern was raised by faculty over UCCS appearing on Dept of Ed list of universities under investigation
    - Students have been dropping emphasizes to finish degree faster to potentially find a new job due to concerns of potential workplace changes
    - Students are concerned with taking out student loans and are looking for more aid from UCCS
    - Concerns raised over students looking to finish their degree online so they can return to their home state
    - Program-specific accreditation concerns were expressed based on different guidelines from accreditors and the federal government.
  - If you are seeing any issues with your students or impact on your program or have any questions, please reach out to Dean Fouts
- Graduate Assistantship Workgroup (Hillary Fouts)
  - A Graduate Assistantship Workgroup has been formed to discuss and develop overarching guidelines for graduate assistantships.
  - If you have any feedback or suggestions related to graduate student funding more broadly, please send those to Dean Fouts; you can also reach out to Asjia Trotter-McGill ([atrotter@uccs.edu](mailto:atrotter@uccs.edu)) to set up a meeting with the Dean to discuss.

Informational Items:

- The following programs are increasing the number of credits allowed under AMP to 12:
  - Mechanical Engineering

- Communication
- MS-CS
- ME-Cyber
- ME-SE
- MSCS-GMI
- The Communication program has changed the AMP GPA requirements from a 3.25 overall GPA and 3.5 communication GPA to an overall standard of 3.0 or above as a standard.
- The Physics department has changed the minimum grade requirement from a B to a B-

#### Announcements:

- April 7 is Donuts with the Dean – All current UCCS undergraduate students who have been admitted to a UCCS Graduate Program for an upcoming term are welcome to attend. Students are also welcome to attend if they are interested in graduate school. Dee Johnson will be on-hand to help answer questions for prospective students and students are welcome to chat with the Dean of the Graduate School.
- Fall 2025 New Student Welcome Reception will be Monday, August 18, 2025. This event is open to all new Summer 2025 and Fall 2025 admits to connect with other students, staff, and faculty, and to learn about available campus resources. Program representatives are welcome to attend and can RSVP by following the QR code on the attached flyer, or this link:  
<https://mlc.uccs.edu/event/11141245>
- Spring 2025 Commencement is Friday, May 16, 2025

GEC Meetings for (Academic Year) all meetings are from 10:00-11:30

- Spring GEC Meetings
  - 4/11, 5/9



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FALL 2025

# Graduate School Welcome Reception

A great opportunity for new UCCS graduate students to connect with other students, staff, and faculty, and to learn about available campus resources.

Dinner will be provided.

Monday, August 18, 2025

5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Berger Hall

located in University Center

\*Free Parking on campus this week\*

RSVP by August 14th THRU  
MOUNTAIN LION CONNECT!

Questions? 719-255-3417 or  
[gradinfo@uccs.edu](mailto:gradinfo@uccs.edu)





**ARE YOU A CURRENT UCCS  
UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT WHO  
HAS BEEN ADMITTED TO A UCCS  
GRADUATE PROGRAM?  
JOIN US FOR**



## *Donuts with the Dean*

**OPEN TO ALL UCCS UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS WHO  
HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO A UCCS GRADUATE PROGRAM  
OR ARE INTERESTED IN GRADUATE SCHOOL!**

*free donuts and free swag!!*

**April 7, 2025  
8:30-11:00am  
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