



University of Colorado Colorado Springs

Graduate Executive Committee

5/1/2026

Minutes

Attendees:

Voting Members: Amanda Elder, Anna Kosloski, Brian McAllister, Carlos Diaz, Christina Jimenez, Diep Dao, Heather Song, James Pearson, Johanna Baez, Justin Cole, Kara Holt, Katie Sullivan, Lavonne Johnson, Lei Zhang, Leilani Feliciano, Morgan Shepherd, Patty Witkowski, Robin Kempf, Xin Yee

Non-Voting Members: Alyssa Langness, Amy Rodas, Asjia Trotter-McGill, Bee Bish, Carolyn Daley, Chris Beiswanger, David DuBois, David Moon, Deanna Johnson, Gloria Seward, Hillary Fouts, Janel Owens, Jena McCollum, Jennifer Newcomb, Jose Mora, Julie Torkelson, Kim Paine, Kristina Ewald, Kylie Swanson, Mary Rupp, Monica Yoo, Regina Winters, Rosey Reidl Smith, Sarah Long, Savannah Diaz, Scott Kupferman, Shonda Johnson, Sofi Cruz Duke, Stephani Hosain, Stephanie Gangemi, Stephanie Trujillo, Sudhanshu Semwal, Susan Eldridge

Agenda Items: * NOTE: Proposed certificates may go into effect no earlier than Fall 2027

- College of Public Service Proposal to create a Local Government Management Certificate
 - GEC voted to recommend approval (15 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
- College of Public Service Proposal to create an Advanced Government Management Certificate
 - GEC voted to recommend approval (16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
- College of Public Service Proposal to create a Trauma-Informed Forensic Care Certificate
 - GEC voted to recommend approval (17 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)
- College of Education Proposal to create an Accelerated Master's Pathway from the BA in Inclusive Early Childhood Education (IECE BA) to the MA in Special Education (SPED MA)
 - GEC voted to recommend approval (16 yes, 0 no, 0 abstain)

Informational Items:

- College of Education: Master's in Leadership in Student Affairs in Higher Education will begin offering classes in a hyflex model beginning this summer.
- College of Education: School Counseling Endorsement program will be paused effective this summer.
- College of Public Service: Department of Criminal Justice is increasing the number of dual-counted credits in their Accelerated Master's Pathway from 9 to 12.

Announcements:

- Presentation by Jena McCollum on doctoral attrition and persistence. Slides are attached.
- The annual Graduate School Welcome Reception will be held Monday, August 17th, 5:30-7pm in Berger Hall. Please advertise this opportunity to your incoming graduate students. See attached flier.
- This is the final GEC meeting of the 2025-2026 Academic Year; see you in September!