

Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee (GPCC)

General Committee

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MS Teams Virtual Meeting

Ethel King-McKenzie motioned to approve and, Humayun Zafar seconded. All who voted were in favor of recommending approval.

Business Administration PHD

**Coles College of Business – Saurabh
Gupta/Humayun Zafar**

IS 9031	New Course
IS 9031- IS 7060	Cross-Leveling
IS 9032	New Course
IS 9032- IS 7080	Cross-Leveling
IS 9033	New Course
IS 9033- IS 7100	Cross-Leveling
IS 9034	New Course
IS 9034- IS 7200	Cross-Leveling
IS 9041	New Course
IS 9041- IS 7310	Cross-Leveling
IS 9042	New Course
IS 9042- IS 7320	Cross-Leveling
IS 9043	New Course
IS 9043- IS 7330	Cross-Leveling

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The meeting schedule with links, agendas, and minutes can be found on the

<https://cia.kennesaw.edu> website under Curriculum Committee GPCC

Schedule/Agenda/Minutes

VIII. Adjournment

x The Chair

**GPCC
ATTENDANCE – 8.25.2021**

Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

Representing	First Name	Last Name	Present	Proxy Name	Absent
Bagwell College Education	Ethel	King-McKenzie			
Bagwell College of Education	Yi	Jin*			
Coles College of Business	Tridib	Bandyopadhyay			
Coles College of Business	Humayun	Zafar*			
College of Architecture and Construction Management					
College of Architecture and Construction Management	Sanjeev	Adhikari*			
College of Computing and Software Engineering	Yong	Shi			
College of Computing and Software Engineering	Reza	Meimandi Parizi			

	Diana	Gregory		Rick Garner	
Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences	LeeAnn	Lands			
Radow College of Humanities and Social Sciences	Tom	Okie			
Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology	M.A.	Karim			
Southern Polytechnic College of Engineering and Engineering Technology	Sumit	Chakravarty			
Wellstar College of Health and Human Services	Jane	Brannan			
Wellstar College of Health and Human Services	Cherilyn	McLester*			
Total Voting Members in Attendance			12		

**For virtual meetings, attendance (and quorum confirmation) is documented and based on the individuals attending who typed their name in the chat box to be recorded.

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Non-voting	First Name	Last Name	Present	Absent
College of Graduate and Professional Education, Assoc. Dean	Tim	Blumentritt		
College of Graduate and Professional Education, Dean	Sheb	True		
College of Graduate and Professional Education, Office of Graduate Admissions	Mark	Forehand		
College of Graduate and Professional Education, Sr. Asst. Dean	David	Baughner		

Graduate Policies and Curriculum Committee (GPCC)
General Committee Meeting Agenda
August 25, 2021
Via MS Teams

Reminder: Upon entering the meeting, please type your name and college or department in the chat box to officially be captured for attendance. Thank you.

- I. Call to order (verify a quorum is present)
- II. Agenda
- III. Approval of minutes from April 15, 2021 (*attached*)
- IV. Discussion Items
 - Curriculum Review Guidelines - Questions? Discussion? (*attached*)
- V. New Business -

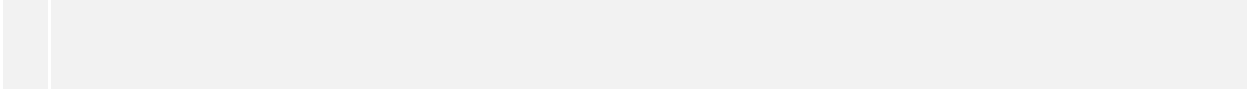
VI. Other Business

- Graduate Admissions Appeals Process (*attached*)

VII. Announcements

- Next GPCC General Committee meeting: Wednesday, September 22, 2021; via MS Teams; 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.

VIII. Adjournment



1.

Applicants will be apprised of their ability to appeal admissions decisions through postings on the University's Office of Graduate Admissions and The Graduate College's websites, as well as contemporaneously with admissions decisions

- a. *Website Posting.* The Office of Graduate Admissions website will prominently feature a link regarding admissions appeals, which will link to an explanation of the appeals process. This will also be included on The Graduate College's website under web resources for graduate students.
 - b. *Notification of Admissions Decisions.* Contemporaneously with notifications of admissions decisions, applicants will be informed of their ability to appeal those decisions and directed to the University's web resources detailing the appeals process.
- a. *Basis for appeal.* Appeals of admissions decisions may follow different processes based on the grounds of the appeal.
 - i. *Discrimination.* If the applicant believes her or his admissions decision is impermissibly based upon the applicant's real or perceived gender identity, sexual orientation, veteran status, spiritual beliefs, physical abilities, racial and ethnic background, and economic status, the applicant may directly contact the University's Office of Diversity & Inclusion at 470-578-2614.
 - ii. *Other basis.* If the applicant wishes to appeal his or her admissions decision based on other factors, the applicant needs to submit a written appeal to the Dean of The Graduate College.
 - b. *Written Appeal.* Within fourteen (14) days of the mailing date of the admissions decision, the applicant may file an appeal. The appeal should, at a minimum, contain the following:
 - i. An explanation of the admissions decision;
 - ii. An explanation of why the applicant believes the decision was incorrect;
 - iii. Identification of any evidence the applicant believes supports her or his position. The applicant may be asked to provide this information to permit The Graduate College to process his or her appeal;
 - iv. Any other information the applicant believes is relevant to her or his appeal.

Effective appeals will typically involve information the applicant may not have provided in his or her original application, but which might have influenced the University's decision regarding her or his application.

For example, following notification of an unsuccessful application, an applicant for the Master of Science in Criminal Justice might speak to a professor regarding his or her application. During that conversation, the applicant notes her or his five (5) years of successful service as a law enforcement officer. The professor notes this was not included in the original application and states the program faculty might believe it relevant to their consideration of the application. The professor then suggests the applicant file an appeal, providing specific evidence of his or her successful law enforcement record and an explanation of why the applicant believes it contributes to his or her strength as a graduate student in that discipline.

Please note The Graduate College is unlikely to be influenced by arguments in which the applicant is challenging the judgment of a program's faculty regarding particular aspects of the program's application. This is particularly true regarding the faculty's assessment of an applicant's undergraduate grade point average or his or her scores on an admissions examination required by the program (e.g., GRE, MAT) or the weight to give such items in the faculty's evaluation of the applicant.

- c. *Submission of Appeal.* The appeal may be submitted electronically or in writing to The Graduate College. It should be submitted to:

Assistant Dean for Graduate Students
The Graduate College
Kennesaw Hall 3423MD 0112
585 Cobb Avenue
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144

The Graduate College will acknowledge receipt of the appeal electronically or through US Mail.

Upon receipt of the appeal, The Graduate College will identify an appropriate process for reviewing the appeal. This process may vary based upon the grounds of the appeal (such as a need to solicit input from the graduate program faculty).

After identifying and receiving information and evidence relevant to the appeal, The Graduate College will empanel a group of at least three (3) members of the University's Graduate Faculty to review the appeal. The Graduate Faculty members will make a recommendation regarding the appeal to the Dean of The Graduate College.

In the absence of exceptional circumstances, within fourteen (14) of the receipt of the appeal, the Dean of The Graduate College will issue a decision regarding the appeal. It will be communicated to the applicant through U.S. or electronic mail.

. Within fourteen (14) days of the mailing date of the Dean's decision, the applicant may appeal The Graduate College's determination by sending a written appeal to the Provost of Kennesaw State University.

Proposed Revision

Appeals of graduate admissions decisions at Kennesaw State University are made to the dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Education.

Information about the availability of and the procedures for an appeal of a negative admissions decision are available at the KSU Office of Graduate Admissions, in the Graduate Catalog and on the Graduate Admissions website.

- a. *Discrimination as the Basis of Appeal.* If an applicant believes a negative admissions decision is impermissibly based upon the applicant's real or perceived gender identity, sexual orientation, veteran status, spiritual beliefs, physical abilities, racial and ethnic background, and economic status, the applicant may directly contact the University's Office of Diversity & Inclusion at 470-578-2614.
- b. *Misinterpretation as the Basis of Appeal.* If an applicant believes a negative admissions decision is impermissibly based upon some other misinterpretation of the application and the information it contains, the applicant must submit a written appeal.

Successful resolutions to appeals based on misinterpretation typically involve corrections to how applicant data was treated by the Office of Graduate Admissions staff or the directors of the target graduate program. For instance, proving that an undergraduate institution is accredited or arguing that a professional certification is a substantive credential when such data was dismissed are both reasonable bases for an admissions appeal.

Please note that an appeal based on disagreement with how factual aspects of an application were evaluated is highly unlikely to be successful. This is particularly true regarding assessments of an applicant's undergraduate grade point average and the applicant's scores on standardized tests (e.g., GRE, GMAT) or the weight to give such items in the evaluation of the application.

Further, the failure of the applicant to submit all materials that are pertinent to an admissions decision is not a basis of appeal. The appeal process only considers KSU's treatment information that was submitted in the original application. Applicants who wish to supplement their application packets with new or different information may submit new applications.

- i. *The Written Appeal.* Within fourteen days of the decision notification of the admissions decision, the applicant may file an appeal. The appeal should contain the following:
 1. An explanation of the applicant's disagreement with the admissions decision.
 2. An explanation of why the applicant believes the decision was based on a misinterpretation of application data.
 3. Submission of any evidence in support of the applicant's argument.

4. Any other information the applicant believes is relevant to her or his appeal.
- ii. *Submission of Appeal.* The written appeal should be submitted as an attachment to an email to gradcollegeforms@kennesaw.edu. A less preferred option is to send a printed copy of the written appeal to:
Assistant Dean for Graduate Students
College of Graduate and Professional Education
3391 Town Point Drive, MD9109
Kennesaw, Georgia 30144-5591
- iii. *Review Process.* Upon receipt of the appeal, the Assistant Dean for Graduate Students will empanel a panel of at least three members of the University's Graduate Faculty to review the appeal. The Graduate Faculty members will make a recommendation regarding the appeal to the dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Education.
- iv. *Decision.* In the absence of exceptional circumstances, within fourteen days of the receipt of the appeal, the dean of