

INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

January 15, 2026

To:	Sara Billey	Professor – College of Arts & Sciences, Natural Sciences Division
	Ann Bostrom	Professor – Evans School of Public Policy & Governance
	Renata Bura	Professor – College of the Environment
	Sergio Davalos	Professor and Director – UW Tacoma – Milgard School of Business
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	Kathryn Rogers Merlino	Associate Professor – College of Built Environments
	Kristen Missall	Professor – College of Education
	Tracy Popowics	Professor – School of Dentistry
	David Raible	Professor – Graduate School Interdisciplinary Programs
	Jennifer Romich	Associate Dean & Professor – School of Social Work
	Jennifer A. Slyker	Associate Chair and Associate Professor – School of Public Health
	Jennifer Sonney	Associate Professor— School of Nursing
	Edith Wang	Assistant Dean and Associate Professor— School of Medicine
	Paul Yager	Professor— College of Engineering
	Jackie Belanger	UW Libraries – ex-officio
	Marissa Heringer	Senior Director, Academic Partnerships— Continuum College – ex-officio
	Ryan Wicklund	President – GPSS ex-officio
From:	Joy Williamson-Lott	Dean of the Graduate School
	Mayumi Willgerodt	Graduate School Council Chair, Associate Dean for Academic Affairs— Graduate School

Meeting will be held in Loew Hall Conference Room 310 and by Zoom:

<https://washington.zoom.us/j/98626171897>

AGENDA

Graduate School Council for Thursday, January 15, 2026
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

2:30 pm

Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Welcome

2:30– 2:55 pm

**Program Proposal: Department of Rehabilitation Medicine
School of Medicine**

Katie Hollenbach, Curriculum Specialist in the Graduate School Office of Academic Affairs, will provide an overview of the program proposal from the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine.

Council will consider the proposal from the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine to offer a Doctor of Occupational Therapy program. The following guests will attend: Tracy Jirikowic, Director and Professor, Division of Occupational Therapy - Department of Rehabilitation Medicine; Janna Friedly, Chair and Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine; and

Suzanne Allen, Vice Dean for Academic, Rural, and Regional Affairs in the School of Medicine.

- Recusal: Council member Edith Wang, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for Basic Sciences in the School of Medicine, from the executive session.

2:55 – 3:20 pm

**Academic Unit Review: Department of Rehabilitation Medicine
School of Medicine**

Council will consider the academic unit review of the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. The following guests will attend: Janna Friedly, Chair and Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine; and Suzanne Allen, Vice Dean for Academic, Rural, and Regional Affairs in the School of Medicine.

- Recusal: Edith Wang, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for Basic Sciences in the School of Medicine, from the executive session.

3:20 – 3:45 pm

**Academic Unit Review: Department of Cinema and Media Studies
College of Arts and Sciences**

Council will consider the academic unit review of the Department of Cinema and Media Studies. The following guests will attend: Brian Reed, Divisional Dean of Humanities, College of Arts and Sciences; and Steve Groening, Associate Professor and Chair, Department of Cinema and Media Studies.

3:45 – 4:15 pm

**Academic Unit Review: Department of French and Italian Studies
College of Arts and Sciences**

Council will consider the academic unit review of the Department of French and Italian Studies. The following guests will attend: Brian Reed, Divisional Dean of Humanities in the College of Arts and Sciences; and Geoff Turnovsky, Professor and Chair of the Department of French and Italian Studies. Ann Bostrom will serve as Proxy Dean.

- Recusal: Associate Dean Mayumi Willgerodt from the Executive Session.

4:15 – 4:20 pm

Interim Report: School of Art + Art History + Design

Chris Partridge, Director of Academic Unit Review in the Graduate School Office of Academic Affairs, will provide an informational update on an interim report from the School of Art + Art History + Design.

4:20 pm

Consent Agenda: 5-Year Reports

Informational copies to:

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2. Vice Provost, Continuum College
3. Chairs and Directors of Academic Units
4. Chair, Faculty Senate
5. Provost and Executive Vice President

6. Vice Provost for Research
7. Deans of Colleges and Schools
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9. Graduate School Associate Deans

Council will consider the following 5-year reports as consent agenda items. Please send any questions you have about this review to unitrev@uw.edu by January 13 at noon. If you feel this requires additional discussion, please let us know in email or in the meeting and we will remove the item from the consent agenda.

- UW Tacoma School of Engineering & Technology - Graduate Certificate in Software Development Engineering
- College of Built Environments - Graduate Certificate in Real Estate

4:20 – 4:30 pm

Council Member Introductions

4:30 pm

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