

# INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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April 16, 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 Associate Professor and Director – UW Tacoma – Milgard School of Business  
Mark Forehand Associate Dean and Professor – Michael G. Foster School of Business  
Huck Hodge Professor—Arts & Sciences—Arts Division  
Bill Howe Associate Professor – Information School  
Juhua Hu Associate Professor – UW Tacoma—School of Engineering & Technology  
Deborah Kamen Professor—Arts & Sciences—Humanities Division  
Wooyoung Kim Associate Professor – UW Bothell – School of STEM  
Patricia Kuszler Professor – School of Law  
Kelly Lee Professor – School of Pharmacy  
Kari Lerum Associate Professor – UW Bothell—Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences  
Celia Lowe Professor – Arts & Sciences—Social Sciences Division  
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  
Bryan Blakeley Associate Vice Provost, Partnerships & Online Learning– 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, April 16, 2026  
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

2:30 pm **Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement, and Welcome**

2:30 pm **Consent Agenda**

### **Program Proposal: Department of Near & Middle Eastern Studies College of Arts & Sciences**

Council will consider the proposal for an exit master's degree as a consent agenda item. Please send any questions to [progprop@uw.edu](mailto:progprop@uw.edu) by April 14, 2026 at noon. If you believe this item requires further discussion, indicate so in email or during the meeting. It will then be removed from the consent agenda and added as a regular agenda item for a future meeting.

### **2025-2026 Interim Reports**

Council will consider the following interim reports as consent agenda items. Please send any questions you have about this review to [unitrev@uw.edu](mailto:unitrev@uw.edu) by April 14 at noon. If you feel this requires additional discussion, please let us know in email or during the meeting and we will remove the item from the consent agenda and add it as a regular agenda item for a future meeting.

1. Department of Earth and Space Sciences in the College of the Environment
2. Individual Interdisciplinary PhD Program in the Graduate School Interdisciplinary Programs
3. Department of Anthropology in the College of Arts & Sciences
4. Department of Spanish and Portuguese Studies in the College of Arts & Sciences

2:30 – 3:00 pm

#### **Program Proposal: Department of Sciences & Mathematics School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences University of Washington, Tacoma**

Katie Hollenbach, Curriculum Specialist in the Graduate School Office of Academic Affairs, will provide an overview of the program proposal from the Department of Sciences and Mathematics at UW Tacoma.

Council will consider the program proposal from the Department of Sciences & Mathematics, within the School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences at UW Tacoma, to offer a Master of Science in Environmental Science degree. The following guests will attend: Andrew Harris, Executive Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs; Natalie Eschenbaum, Dean and Professor of School of Interdisciplinary Arts & Sciences; Maureen C. Kennedy, Department Chair and Associate Professor in the Department of Sciences & Mathematics; and Jim Gawel, Professor in the Department of Sciences & Mathematics.

3:00 – 3:30 pm

#### **Academic Unit Review: Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health Program School of Public Health**

Council will consider the academic unit review of the Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health program. The following guests will attend: Hilary Godwin, Dean of the School of Public Health; Elizabeth Kirk, Associate Dean for Education in the School of Public Health; and Michelle Averill, Director of the Food Systems, Nutrition, and Health program and Teaching Professor in the Department of Environmental & Occupational Health Sciences.

- Recusal: Council member Jennifer Slyker will recuse from the executive session.

3:30 – 4:00 pm

#### **Academic Unit Review: Public Health-Global Health Program School of Public Health**

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| 4. Chair, Faculty Senate                  | 9. Graduate School Associate Deans |
| 5. Provost and Executive Vice President   |                                    |

Council will consider the academic unit review of the Public Health-Global Health program. The following guests will attend: Hilary Godwin, Dean of the School of Public Health; Elizabeth Kirk, Associate Dean for Education; and Barbara Baquero, Director of the Public Health-Global Health program and Associate Professor in the Department of Health Systems and Population Health.

- Recusal: Council member Jennifer Slyker will recuse from the executive session.

4:00 pm

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