

# INTERDEPARTMENTAL MEMORANDUM

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May 21, 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, May 21, 2026  
2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

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### **Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement**

#### **Consent Agenda**

*Items on the consent agenda may be removed for future discussion upon request. Please notify us by email in advance or during the meeting. Any such item will be scheduled for a future agenda.*

#### **Modality Change Proposal: Master of Arts in Bioethics Department of Bioethics and Humanities School of Medicine**

Council will consider a proposal to change the modality of the Master of Arts in Bioethics to a fully online program as a consent agenda item. Please send any questions to [progprop@uw.edu](mailto:progprop@uw.edu) by May 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.

### **Five-Year Reports**

Council will consider the following five-year reports as consent agenda items. Please send any questions you have to [unitrev@uw.edu](mailto:unitrev@uw.edu) by May 19<sup>th</sup> at noon.

1. Master of Science in Electrical and Computer Engineering
  - UW Tacoma School of Engineering & Technology
2. Doctor of Global Health Leadership and Practice
  - Department of Global Health in the School of Public Health and School of Medicine
3. Master of Science in Health Metrics Sciences
  - Department of Health Metrics Sciences in the School of Medicine
4. Doctor of Philosophy in Global Health Metrics & Implementation Science
  - Department of Health Metrics Sciences in the School of Medicine

2:30 – 2:40 pm

### **Graduate School Council Year-in-Review**

Presented by Council Chair Mayumi Willgerodt.

*Note: For the following program proposals, Chris Patridge, Director of Academic Unit Review in the Graduate School Office of Academic Affairs, will provide an overview for each item.*

2:40 – 3:00 pm

### **Program Proposals from the College of Engineering Dean's Office Master of Science in Robotics Graduate Certificate in Robotics**

Council will consider program proposals from the College of Engineering Dean's Office to offer a Master of Science in Robotics and a Graduate Certificate in Robotics. The following guests will attend: Dean Nancy Allbritton of the College of Engineering; Vice Dean Jihui Yang in the College of Engineering; and Associate Professor Xu Chen in the Department of Mechanical Engineering in the College of Engineering.

- Recusal: Council member Paul Yager will recuse from the executive session.

3:00 – 3:20 pm

### **Program Proposal: Graduate Certificate in Statistics: Advanced Methods and Data Analysis Department of Statistics College of Arts and Sciences**

Council will consider a program proposal from the Department of Statistics to offer a Graduate Certificate in Statistics: Advanced Methods and Data Analysis. The following guests will attend: Dean Dan Pollack, Divisional Dean of Natural Sciences of the College of Arts & Sciences and Professor Abel Rodriguez, Chair of the Department of Statistics.

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3:20 – 3:40 pm

**Program Proposal: Master of Medical Sciences**  
**Department of Family Medicine**  
**School of Medicine**

Council will consider a program proposal from the Department of Family Medicine to offer a Master of Medical Sciences, which will serve as an exit master's option for MD students. The following guests will attend: Senior Vice Dean Suzanne M. Allen of Academic, Rural and Regional Affairs in the School of Medicine; Professor Bianca K. Frogner, Interim Chair, in the Department of Family Medicine; Professor Pamela Nagasawa, Associate Teaching Professor in the Department of Family Medicine; and Professor Maya Sardesai, Associate Professor and Assistant Dean for Student Development in the School of Medicine.

- Recusal: Council member Edith Wang will recuse from the executive session.

3:40 – 4:00 pm

**Program Proposal: Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Business**  
**Foster School of Business**

Council will consider a program proposal from the Foster School of Business to offer a Graduate Certificate in Artificial Intelligence in Business. The following guests will attend: Dean Frank Hodge of the Foster School of Business and Professor Thomas Gilbert, Associate Professor of Finance and Business Economics.

- Recusal: Council member Mark Forehand will recuse from the executive session.

4:00 – 4:20 pm

**Academic Unit Review: Disability Studies**  
**College of Arts & Sciences**

Council will consider the academic unit review of Disability Studies in the College of Arts & Sciences. The following guests will attend: Dean Andrea Woody, Divisional Dean of Social Sciences in the College of Arts & Sciences, and Professor Heather Evans, Director of the Disability Studies Program and Assistant Professor in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine.

- Recusal: Council member Deborah Kamen, Chair of the Review Committee, will recuse from the executive session.

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