



**Committees and Committee Members or Representatives
2025 - 2026
Standing Committees of the College**

**1. College of Education Faculty Council (2 year term) | Department Elections
Two elected members from each academic department; Council elects its own Chair, Vice Chair, Secretary.**

Dr. Miranda Fitzgerald REEL Chair Council Election	(2024-2026)
Dr. Alicia Kitten Stewart REEL	(2025-2027)
Dr. Hilary Dack MDSK Vice Chair Council Election	(2024-2026)
Dr. Nicholas Triplett MDSK	(2025-2026)
Dr. Leslie Bross SPCD Secretary Council Election	(2024-2026)
Dr. Charles Wood SPCD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Tabitha Haynes CSLG	(2024-2026)
Dr. John Nance CSLG	(2025-2027)
Dr. Stella Kim EDLD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Scarlet Zhang EDLD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Shawnee Wakeman SPCD Clinical At-Large Member College Elect.	(2024-2026)
Dr. Malcolm Butler Dean ex-officio	

**2. The College Undergraduate Curriculum Committee | Department Elections
The Chair of this committee is the College's elected two-year representative to the Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee. Other faculty committee members are elected within departments for overlapping two-year terms (July 1 - June 30). Undergraduate student committee members are appointed by department chairs for one-year terms (August 16 - May 15) with rotating membership among the following departments: REEL, MDSK, SPCD, REEL, MDSK, etc.**

Dr. Premkumar Pugalenthi MDSK Chair	(2025-2027)
Dr. Madelyn Colonnese REEL	(2025-2027)
Dr. Shawnee Wakeman SPCD	(2025-2027)
Ms. Liz Adkisson TEAL	(ex-officio)
Dr. Tisha Greene Dean's Office	(ex-officio)
Rylee Morris Dept. Undergraduate Student Representative	(2025-2026)

**3. The College Graduate Curriculum Committee | Department Elections
All members of this committee must be members of the Graduate Faculty, and the Chair of the committee is the College's elected two-year representative to the Graduate Council. Other faculty committee members are elected within departments for overlapping two-year terms (July 1 - June 30). Graduate student committee members are appointed by department chairs for one-year terms (August**

16 - May 15) with rotating membership among the following departments: REEL, MDSK, SPCD, EDLD, CSLG, REEL, MDSK, etc. The alternate to the University Graduate Council will be appointed annually from the CGCC membership by the chair of this Committee.

Dr. Kyle Cox EDLD Chair College Election	(2024-2026)
Dr. Carl Westine EDLD	(2024-2026)
Dr. Scarlett Zhang EDLD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Leslie Schmidt REEL	(2025-2027)
Dr. Miranda Fitzgerald REEL	(2024-2026)
Dr. Nikki Adams SPCD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Heather Taylor SPCD	(2024-2026)
Dr. Taryne Mingo CSLG	(2025-2027)
Dr. Phyllis Post CSLG	(2024-2026)
Dr. Adam Myers MDSK	(2025-2027)
Dr. Joan Lachance MDSK	(2025-2027)
Ms. Liz Adkisson TEAL	(ex-officio)
Dr. Scott Kissau Dean's Office	(ex-officio)
Add Name Dept. Graduate Student Department Election	VACANT

4. College Leadership Council (All members serve ex officio)

Dr. Malcolm Butler	Dr. Tisha Greene	Ms. Judy Pugh
Dr. Scott Kissau	Dr. Brad Smith	Ms. Denise Barnett
Dr. Sejal Foxx	Dr. Lan Kolano	Ms. Caroline Freeman
Dr. Adriana Medina	Dr. Andrew Polly	Ms. Vivian Cherry
Dr. Chuang Wang	Dr. Victor Mack	Ms. Liz Adkisson
Dr. David Pugalee	Dr. Angela Preston	Dr. Gary Ritter
FC Chair: Miranda Fitzgerald	Dr. Ann Jolly	

5. College Leadership Team

Dr. Malcolm Butler	Dr. Lan Kolano	Ms. Judy Pugh
Dr. Tisha Greene	Dr. Sejal Foxx	Ms. Denise Barnett
Dr. Scott Kissau	Dr. Chuang Wang	Ms. Liz Adkisson
Dr. Adriana Medina	Dr. Brad Smith	Ms. Caroline Freeman
Dr. Andrew Polly	Dr. Ann Jolly	Dr. Gary Ritter
Ms. Vivian Cherry		

6. CAEP Committee

Dr. Anne Cash REEL	(2024-2027)
Dr. Luke Reinke REEL	(2024-2027)
Dr. Adam Myers MDSK	(2024-2027)
Dr. Joan Lachance MDSK	(2024-2027)
Dr. Ya-yu Lo SPCD	(2024-2027)
Dr. Shawnee Wakeman SPCD	(2024-2027)
Dr. Rebecca Shore EDLD	(2024-2027)
Dr. Debra Morris EDLD	(2024-2027)
Dr. Brad Smith ex-officio	
Dr. Tisha Greene ex-officio	
Dr. Scott Kissau ex-officio	

7. **College of Education Doctoral Council** (*All members serve ex officio and include doctoral coordinators and department chairs*)

Dr. Sejal Foxx
Dr. Andrew Polly
Dr. Adriana Medina
Dr. Lan Kolano
Dr. Chuang Wang
Dr. Kristie Opiola
Dr. Hank Harris
Dr. Tina Heafner
Dr. Jae Hoon Lim
Dr. Cathy Howell
Dr. Kristen Beach
Dr. Scott Kissau

8. **Department Review Committees** | **Department Elections**

Members of these committees are elected within departments from among tenured faculty members. At any time, two committee members are serving one-year terms (July 1 - June 30) and one committee member is serving a two-year term (July - June 30) to provide continuity. Each committee elects its own chair.

Department of Counseling

Dr. Henry Harris	(2025-2027)
Dr. Jack Culbreth	(2024-2026)
Dr. Kristie Opiola	(2025-2026)

Department of Educational Leadership

Dr. Carl Westine Chair	(2025-2026)
Dr. Stella Kim	(2025-2027)
Dr. Ayesha Sadaf	(2025-2027)
D. Xiaoxia Newton	(2025-2026)
Dr. Jim Watson Clinical Representative	(2025-2027)

Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education

Dr. Heather Coffey	(2024-2026)
Dr. Chance Lewis	(2024-2026)
Dr. Joan Lachance	(2025-2026)
Dr. Adam Myers Clinical Representative	(2025-2026)

Department of Reading and Elementary Education

Dr. Erin Washburn Chair	(2025-2027)
Dr. Bruce Taylor	(2024-2026)
Dr. Ian Binns	(2025-2026)
Dr. Drew Polly	(Spring 2026 only)
Dr. Kirsten Abel Clinical Representative	(2025-2026)

Department of Special Education and Child Development

Dr. Virginia Walker	(2024-2026)
Dr. Kelly Anderson	(2024-2026)
Dr. Hedda Meadan-Kaplansky	(2025-2027)

9. **The College Review Committee | Department Elections**

Department representatives on this committee are elected within departments from among tenured faculty members for staggered two-year terms (July 1 - June 30). The at-large member is elected in a College-wide election from among tenured faculty members for a one-year term (July 1 - June 30). The committee elects its chair.

Dr. Lyndon Abrams CSLG	(2024-2026)
Dr. Jae Hoon Lim EDLD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Tina Heafner MDSK	(2024-2026)
Dr. Laura McClorkle SPCD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Luke Reinke REEL	(2024-2026)
Dr. Erin Miller REEL (Fall 2025 only)	(Fall 2025 only)
Dr. Daniel Alston REEL At-large College Election	(2025-2026)
Dr. Kristin Davin MDSK At-large College Election Chair	(2025-2026)
Dr. Beth Oyarzun Clinical Representative EDLD	(2024-2026)
Dr. Karen Cross Clinical Representative REEL	(2024-2026)

10. **The College Information Technology Advisory Committee | Appointed by the Departments/Units**

The Chair of this committee is appointed by the Dean for a three-year term (July 1 - June 30); department representatives are appointed by department chairs for staggered three-year terms (July 1 - June 30).

Dr. Gary Ritter OneIT Chair	(2025-2028)
Dr. Hilary Dack MDSK	(2025-2028)
Dr. Bruce Taylor REEL	(2024-2027)
Dr. Dania Fakhro CSLG	(2025-2028)
Dr. Richard Lambert EDLD	(2025-2028)
Dr. LuAnn Jordan SPCD	(2023-2026)
Ms. Cassandra Himes TEAL	(2025-2028)
Mr. Daniel Maxwell OSCP	(2025-2028)
Ms. Brandi Lewis Assessment & Accreditation	(2025-2028)

11. **Department Readmission Committees for Graduate Students**

Members of these committees are selected by the Department chair and the graduate coordinate conveners identified below on a case-by-case basis. (See page 122 of the University Catalog.)

Department of Counseling

Dr. Hank Harris
Dr. Kristie Opiola

Department of Special Education and Child Development

Dr. Kelly Anderson | SPED
Dr. Laura McCorkle | CHFD

Department of Educational Leadership

Dr. Mark D'Amico
Dr. Walter Hart

Department of Middle, Secondary, and K-12 Education

Dr. Joan Lachance | TESL

Dr. Spencer Salas | MDSK

Department of Reading and Elementary Education

Dr. Tracy Rock | Elementary Education

Dr. Karen Cross | GCT

12. College of Education Honors Committee (3 year term) | University Election

Members of the committee are appointed by the Dean, upon recommendation of the Department Chair, for staggered 3-year terms. The Committee will elect its chair annually.

Dr. Madelyn Colonnese | REEL | Program Director/Chair (2024-2027)

Dr. Bettie Ray Butler | MDSK (2024-2027)

Dr. Erin FitzPatrick | SPCD (2024-2027)

Dr. Leslie Schmidt | REEL (2024-2027)

Dr. Jamie Kudlats | EDLD (2024-2027)

Dr. Matt Eastin | Geography & Earth Sciences (2025-2028)

13. Internationalization Committee | Department Elections

The Chair of the Committee is elected by the faculty; committee members are elected by the departments for staggered two-year terms.

Ms. Debra Diegmann | DEPT. | **Chair | College Election** (2025-2026)

Dr. Carmen Serrata | EDLD (2024-2026)

Dr. Hunhui Na | EDLD (2025-2027)

Dr. Daniel Alston | REEL (2024-2026)

Ms. Debra Diegmann | REEL (2025-2027)

Dr. Ya-Yu Lo | SPCD (2024-2026)

Dr. Gloria Campbell-Whatley | SPCD (2025-2027)

Dr. Charles Hutchinson | MDSK (2024-2026)

Dr. Premkumar Pugalenti | MDSK (2025-2027)

Dr. Rumbi Mushunje | CSLG (2025-2027)

Dr. Kaleb Thompson | CSLG (2025-2027)

14. College Annual Teaching Award Committee | Department Elections

Each academic department in the College elects one faculty member to serve a two-year term on the Committee, on a staggered Basis. The Committee elects its own chair.

Dr. Natalie Ricciutti | CSLG (2024-2026)

Dr. Chris O'Brien | SPCD (2024-2026)

Dr. Erin Miller | REEL (2024-2026)

Dr. Tina Heafner | MDSK (2024-2026)

Dr. Rebecca Shore | EDLD (2025-2027)

Ms. Whitney Settlemier | OSCP (2025-2027)

Dr. Tisha Greene | Dean's Office (ex officio)

Dr. Tabitha Haynes | CSLG | 2025 award recipient.

15. College Faculty Research Award Committee | Department Elections

Each academic department in the college elects one faculty member to serve a two-year term on the committee on a staggered basis. The committee elects its own chair.

Dr. Ji Yae Bong | EDLD (2025-2027)

Dr. Clare Merlin-Knoblich | CSLG (2025-2027)

Dr. Erin Washburn | REEL (2025-2027)
 Dr. Nicole Adams | SPCD (2025-2027)
 Dr. Nicholas Triplett | MDSK (2024-2026)
Dr. Kelly Cartwright | REEL | Last year's award recipient.

16. College Sustained Service to Public Schools Award Committee | Department Elections

Dr. Scarlett Zhang | EDLD (2024-2026)
 Dr. Taryne Mingo | CSLG (2024-2026)
 Dr. Kristen Beach | SPCD (2025-2027)
 Dr. Bettie Ray Butler | MDSK (2024-2026)
 Dr. Paola Pilonieta | REEL (2025-2027)
 Ms. Carly Forshee | OSCP (2025-2027)

Dr. Madelyn Colonnese | REEL | 2025 award recipient.

17. Undergraduate Student Awards Committee | Department Elections

Members are appointed by the Department Chairs for staggered two-year terms to stimulate and receive nominations and advise the Dean about student award recipients.

Ms. Elizabeth Adkisson | Co-Chair (ex-officio)
 Dr. Tisha Greene | Dean's Office (ex-officio)
 Dr. Regina McCurdy | MDSK (2025-2027)
 Dr. Adam Meyers | MDSK (2025-2027)
 Dr. Erin FitzPatrick | SPCD (2024-2026)
 Dr. Holly Johnson | SPCD (2025-2027)
 Dr. Kia Jones | REEL (2024-2026)
 Dr. Jean Vintinner | REEL (2025-2027)
 Dr. Thomas Fisher | OSCP (2025-2027)

18. College Staff Award Committee | Department Elections

Dr. Ji Yae Bong | EDLD (2024-2026)
 Dr. Lyndon Abrams | CSLG (2024-2026)
 Dr. Denise Hawkins | CSLG (2025-2027)
 Dr. Jean Vintinner | REEL (2024-2026)
 Dr. Premkumar Pugalenti | MDSK (2025-2027)
 Dr. Heather Taylor | SPCD (2025-2027)
 Dr. Victor Mack | EPA Staff (ex-officio)

Ms. Judy Pugh | Dean's Office | 2025 award recipient

20. Beginning Teacher Award Committee | Department Elections

Dr. Autumn Griffin | MDSK (2025-2026)
 Dr. Laura McCorkle | SPCD (2025-2026)
 Dr. Jean Vintinner | REEL (2025-2026)
 Dr. Coreen Okraski | OSCP (2025-2026)

21. College Research Advisory Council | Department Elections

The Council is composed of two representatives from each academic department in the Cato College of Education. Elected members serve two-year staggered terms. The Associate Dean of Research and Graduate Education is an ex-officio member. The Associate Dean serves as Chair.

Dr. Carl Westine | EDLD (2024-2026)

Dr. Kyle Cox EDLD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Brittany Anderson MDSK	(2024-2026)
Dr. Kristin Davin MDSK	(2025-2027)
Dr. Ann Mickelson SPCD	(2024-2026)
Dr. Virginia Walker SPCD	(2025-2027)
Dr. Natalie Ricciutti CSLG	(2025-2027)
Dr. Hank Harris CSLG	(2025-2027)
Dr. Kelly Cartwright REEL	(2025-2027)
Dr. Alicia Kitten REEL	(2025-2027)
Dr. Scott Kissau Dean's Office Chair	(ex-officio)

B. University Committees – COED Department Representatives

- Faculty Council** | **Department Elections**

CSLG: Dr. Jack Culbreth | Representative (2025-2026)
Dr. Tabitha Haynes | Alternate (2025-2026)

SPCD: Dr. Chris O'Brien | Representative (2025-2026)
Dr. Gloria Campbell-Whatley | Alternate (2025-2026)

EDLD: Dr. Stella Kim | Representative (2025-2026)
Dr. Cathay Howell | Alternate (2025-2026)

MDSK: Dr. Hilary Dack | Representative (2025-2026)
Dr. Nicholas Triplett | Alternate (2025-2026)

REEL: Dr. Kirsten Abel | Representative (2025-2026)
Dr. Leslie Schmidt | Alternate (2025-2026)
- Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee** | **College Election**

Dr. Luke Reinke | Representative (2025-2027)
Dr. Lisa Merriweather | Alternate (2025-2027)
- Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee** | **College Election**

Dr. Kristin Davin | Representative (2024-2026)
Dr. Debra Diegmann | Alternate (2024-2026)
- Graduate Council** | **College Election**

Dr. Kyle Cox | Representative (Also Chair of the College Graduate Curriculum Committee) (2024-2026)
Dr. Joan Lachance | Alternate (2024-2026)
- Faculty Executive Committee** | **College Election**

Dr. Shawnee Wakeman | Representative (2024-2026)
Dr. Miranda Fitzgerald | Alternate (2024-2026)
- Faculty Competitive Grants Committee** | **College Election**

Dr. Stella Kim | Representative (2024-2026)
Dr. Virginia Walker | Alternate (2024-2026)

7. **Faculty Employment Status Committee** | **College Election**
 Dr. Taryne Mingo | Representative (2025-2027)
 Dr. Ayesha Sadaf | Alternate (2025-2027)
8. **Faculty Advisory Library Committee** | **College Election**
 Dr. Ann Mickelson | Representative (2024-2026)
 Dr. Taryn Mingo | Alternate (2024-2026)
9. **Library Departmental Representatives** | **Department Elections**
 CSLG | Dr. Natalie Ricciutti (2024-2026)
 SPCD | Dr. Holly Johnson (2025-2027)
 EDLD | Dr. Stella Kim (2024-2026)
 MDSK | Dr. Spencer Salas (2025-2027)
 REEL | Dr. Kirsten Abel (2024-2026)
10. **Faculty Advisory Summer Sessions Committee** | **College Election**
 Dr. Brittany Anderson | Representative (2024-2026)
 Dr. Cathay Howell | Alternate (2024-2026)
11. **Faculty Research Grants Committee** | **College Election**
 Dr. Ji Yae Bong | Representative (2025-2027)
 Dr. Jack Culbreth | Alternate (2025-2027)
12. **Faculty Scholarship of Teaching and Learning Grants Committee** | **College Election**
 Dr. Hilary Dack | Representative (2024-2026)
 Dr. Erin Washburn | Alternate (2024-2026)
13. **FITS Advisory Committee** | **College Election**
 Dr. Richard Lambert | Representative (2025-2027)
 Dr. Natalie Ricciutti | Alternate (2025-2027)
14. **University College Faculty Council** | **College Election**
 Dr. Chris O'Brien | Representative (2024-2026)
 Dr. Beth Oyarzun | Alternate (2024-2026)
15. **Institutional Review Board**
 Dr. Stella Kim | EDLD (2024-2027)
 Dr. Michael Matthews | SPCD (2025-2028)
15. **Faculty Welfare Committee** | **College Election**
 Dr. Amy Good | Representative (2024-2026)
 Dr. Jae Hoon Lim | Alternate (2024-2026)
16. **Part-Time Faculty Committee (PTFC)** | **College Election**
 Dr. Bailey Macleod | Representative (2025-2027)
 Dr. Fabio Hurtado | Alternate (2025-2027)
17. **Faculty Legacy Scholarship Committee** | **College Election**
 Dr. Adriana Medina | Representative (2024-2026)
 Dr. Erin FitzPatrick | Alternate (2024-2026)

18. Honor's Council (*Must be members of Honor's Faculty to vote*) | **Honor's College Election**

Dr. Erin FitzPatrick | Representative (2025-2026)
Dr. Carmen Serrata | Alternate (2025-2026)

19. Nominations, Honors, and Awards Committee | **College Election**

Dr. Heather Taylor | Representative (2025-2027)
Dr. John Nance | Alternate (2025-2027)

20. Data and Research Oversight Committee | **College Election**

Dr. Kristen Beach | Representative (2023-2026)
Dr. Kyle Cox | Alternate (2023-2026)