



**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   <b>Chair   Council Election</b>	(2024-2026)
Dr. Alicia Kitten Stewart   REEL	(2025-2027)
Dr. Hilary Dack   MDSK   <b>Vice Chair   Council Election</b>	(2024-2026)
Dr. Nicholas Triplett   MDSK	(2025-2026)
Dr. Leslie Bross   SPCD   <b>Secretary   Council Election</b>	(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   <b>College Elect.</b>	(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   <b>College Election</b>	(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)
<b>Add Name   Dept.   Graduate Student   Department Election</b>	<b>VACANT</b>

**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)
<b>Dr. Daniel Alston   REEL   At-large   College Election</b>	<b>(2025-2026)</b>
<b>Dr. Kristin Davin   MDSK   At-large   College Election   Chair</b>	<b>(2025-2026)</b>
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**

### **1. Faculty Council | Department Elections**

<b>CSLG:</b> Dr. Jack Culbreth   Representative	(2025-2026)
Dr. Tabitha Haynes   Alternate	(2025-2026)
<b>SPCD:</b> Dr. Chris O'Brien   Representative	(2025-2026)
Dr. Gloria Campbell-Whatley   Alternate	(2025-2026)
<b>EDLD:</b> Dr. Stella Kim   Representative	(2025-2026)
Dr. Cathay Howell   Alternate	(2025-2026)
<b>MDSK:</b> Dr. Hilary Dack   Representative	(2025-2026)
Dr. Nicholas Triplett   Alternate	(2025-2026)
<b>REEL:</b> Dr. Kirsten Abel   Representative	(2025-2026)
Dr. Leslie Schmidt   Alternate	(2025-2026)

### **2. Faculty Academic Policy and Standards Committee | College Election**

Dr. Luke Reinke   Representative	(2025-2027)
Dr. Lisa Merriweather   Alternate	(2025-2027)

### **3. Undergraduate Course and Curriculum Committee | College Election**

Dr. Kristin Davin   Representative	(2024-2026)
Dr. Debra Diegmann   Alternate	(2024-2026)

### **4. Graduate Council | College Election**

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

### **5. Faculty Executive Committee | College Election**

Dr. Shawnee Wakeman   Representative	(2024-2026)
Dr. Miranda Fitzgerald   Alternate	(2024-2026)

### **6. 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)