



PEPPERDINE
Graziadio Business School

January 2025 Newsletter **Faculty Affairs Department**



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“ The new year is not just about a change in the calendar; it's about setting fresh goals, embracing new opportunities, and believing in your own potential. ”
~ Unknown

Faculty Highlights

AD Corner

Clemens Kownatzki, Associate Dean of Academic Programs



Dear Colleagues,

As we enter a new year, we tend to set new personal goals. With that same spirit of growth and opportunity, we're excited to share some of the curriculum changes we're planning for the year ahead.

First, we are working on our “One MBA,” essentially aligning the classes between Part-time and Online MBA programs. This is meant to boost flexibility for students to seamlessly choose between online and on-ground classes. Second, we're focusing our recruitment efforts on our 12-month MBA program, again hoping to boost enrollment with an opportunity to re-enter the workforce faster and at a lower overall cost. Third, we will pivot our MSGB program towards Global Business Sustainability to align with market trends and to boost the enrollment of our domestic students. Lastly, we will pilot some select classes that could be shared between programs with a view to developing a common core for several of our MS programs.

Wishing you all a peaceful and prosperous New Year!

Faculty Calendar Highlights

JAN 21

Full Time Faculty Meeting - WLA Graduate Campus - Room 203
10:30 AM-12:00 PM

JAN 24

Memorial Service for Bill Bleuel - Calvary Community Church
(Westlake Village) - 1:00 PM

[CLICK HERE FOR FULL CALENDAR](#)

Reminders

Subscribe to the PGBS Faculty Events, Meetings, & Deadlines calendar to stay up to date.

- Click [HERE](#)
- Click "Add" when prompted

The new calendar will appear in your list of calendars, making it easy to stay informed and organized.

JAN 13

Session B [Book Orders](#) Due

JAN 20

Martin Luther King Jr. Day - [University Closed](#)

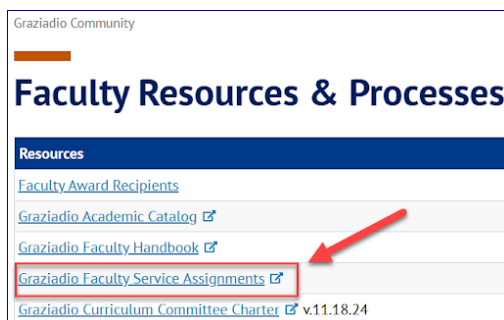
JAN 21

Tentative Summer 2025 Schedules Distributed

**JAN
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Change Requests to Tentative Summer 2025 Schedule Due





CY 25 Faculty Service Assignments



Graziadio Community

Faculty Resources & Processes

Resources

- [Faculty Award Recipients](#)
- [Graziadio Academic Catalog](#) 
- [Graziadio Faculty Handbook](#) 
- [Graziadio Faculty Service Assignments](#) 
- [Graziadio Curriculum Committee Charter](#)  v.11.18.24

View the current [CY 25 faculty service assignments](#) on the Faculty Affairs site. Please see email from Michael Williams, ADAA, on December 9th for additional details.

New Pilot Program

"Pepperdine Syllabus" Tool

The [Simple Syllabus](#) pilot program is coming to Pepperdine via Canvas in the Spring 2025 term. As part of the pilot program, PGBS online faculty can easily create and customize syllabi using a school-approved template with pre-filled data from PeopleSoft, with more features to come. The dashboard lets professors track student engagement and the tool supports the school with consistent templates, including required notices, and simplifying the accreditation processes.

Executive Education and Contract Units

A new policy has been established for Pepperdine Graziadio School of Business faculty to count Executive Education (EE) courses towards their contract units for existing, or new EE programs. The EE compensation rates can be viewed on the [Faculty Affairs site](#).

A Message from Dean Of Students in Regards to PGBS Commencements

The Pepperdine Graziadio Business School is moving to one commencement ceremony each calendar year in April coinciding with the end of the spring trimester. Students graduating in fall 2024, spring 2025, and summer 2025 will be eligible to participate in the upcoming ceremony in spring 2025 and will receive more details in February 2025.

SAVE THE DATE

Spring 2025 Commencement

Saturday, April 26, 2025, 10:30am

Pepperdine University Malibu Campus, Alumni Park (outdoors)

Questions? Students are encouraged to contact their academic program office or email pgbs.commencement@pepperdine.edu and Faculty are encouraged to contact the Academic Affairs Office.

Dr. Bernice Ledbetter
Dean of Students

Cheers for Peers

We invite you to submit a ["Cheers for Peers"](#) to acknowledge a colleague that has gone above and beyond the call of duty. In the spirit of "giving each other flowers" continuously, we hope that you consider expressing your gratitude with "cheers!" We look forward to highlighting these submissions!



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