

February 5, 2026

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FROM: Mary Farmer-Kaiser
Dean of the Graduate School

The Graduate Council will meet in the Alumni Board Room on Tuesday, February 10, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. On the Graduate Council Moodle Course, you will find the attached agenda as well as the minutes from our most recent meeting and other meeting materials.

Past Graduate Council meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Graduate School website at: <https://louisiana.edu/graduateschool/about-us/graduate-council/graduate-council-minutes-agendas>.

C: Department Heads (FYI and agenda only)
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Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Provost (FYI and agenda only)

GRADUATE COUNCIL

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order Dr. Wesley Bradford

- II. Announcements and Approvals
 - a. Provost Meeting Recap/Update
 - b. December 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - c. Master’s Mentor & Outstanding GTA Awards: Nominations due February 27
 - d. Spring Grad Council Dates: March 10, April 14, May 12

- III. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Appeals Dr. Heather Stone
 - b. Curriculum Dr. Amy Brown
 - c. Fellowships and Awards..... Dr. Ryan Nelson
 - d. Graduate Faculty Membership Dr. Frances Stueben

- IV. Old Business
 - a. Ad Hoc Committee on Committees
 - b. University Fiscal Health and Graduate Education Updates

- V. New Business
 - a. Graduate Student Appreciation Week (March 23 - March 27) Planning and Changes

- VI. Good of the Order