

March 5, 2026

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FROM: Mary Farmer-Kaiser  
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**The Graduate Council will meet in the Alumni Board Room on Tuesday, March 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)  
Graduate Coordinators (FYI and agenda only)  
Academic Deans (FYI and agenda only)  
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. Invited Guest
  - a. Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
  
- III. Announcements and Approvals
  - a. Provost Meeting Recap/Update
  - b. February 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes
  - c. Graduate Student Appreciation Week (March 23 - March 28)
  
- IV. 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
  
- V. Old Business
  - a. Ad Hoc Committee on Committees
  
- VI. New Business
  - a. Spring 2026 Grand Marshals
  - b. Manuscript Binding and Printing Fee Request
  - c. Grad Council Webpage and Moodle Accessibility
  - d. Preparing for Graduate Council Elections
  
- VII. Good of the Order