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Dean of the Graduate School

The Graduate Council will meet in the Alumni Board Room on Tuesday, April 14, 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: [Grad Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes](#)

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

GRADUATE COUNCIL

April 14, 2026

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to OrderDr. Wesley Bradford

- II. Announcements and Approvals
 - a. Provost Meeting Recap/Update
 - b. March 10, 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - c. Update on Pending Provost Approvals
 - d. Graduate Council Elections

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

- IV. Old Business
 - a. Ad Hoc Committee on Committees Report
 - b. TOEFL English Language Test Score Update Request
 - c. Graduate Education Accessibility Issues
 - d. University Fiscal Health and Graduate Education Updates

- V. New Business
 - a. Call for Standing Committee Interest

- VI. Good of the Order