

September 5, 2025

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FROM: Mary Farmer-Kaiser
Dean of the Graduate School

The Graduate Council will meet in Alumni Center Board Room on Tuesday, September 9, 2025, 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. Dianne Olivier, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (FYI and agenda only)

GRADUATE COUNCIL

September 9, 2025

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order Dr. Wesley Bradford
- II. Invited Guests
 - a. Dr. Dianne Olivier, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs
- III. Announcements and Approvals
 - a. Graduate Council Goals and Objectives for 2025-2026
 - b. Graduate Council Moodle Page and Meeting Materials
 - c. May 13, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - d. [Graduate Assistantship Handbook](#)
 - e. Catalog Revision Update: GTA English Language Proficiency
- IV. Standing Committee Reports
 - a. Appeals Dr. Heather Stone
 - b. Fellowships and Awards..... Dr. Ryan Nelson
 - c. Graduate Faculty Membership Dr. Frances Stueben
- V. Old Business
 - a. Guidelines for the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence (GAI) in Graduate Education Research
 - b. Review of 2024-2025 Reports and Recommendations
 - i. University Committee on Graduate Student Success and Retention Report
 - ii. Graduate Student Organization
 - iii. Ad Hoc Graduate Assistantship Handbook Committee
 - c. Catalog Revision: English Language Proficiency Exempt Countries
- VI. New Business
 - a. Report on Summer Grad Council Executive Committee Actions
 - b. Graduate Council Standing Committees
 - i. Status of Curriculum Committee
 - ii. Need for New Student and/or Community Engagement Committee
 - c. Appeals of Appeals Committee Decision
 - d. Official Leave of Absence Exception Request
 - e. Institutional Repository for Manuscripts
 - f. Manuscript Binding Fees
- VII. Good of the Order