

May 7, 2026

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FROM: Mary Farmer-Kaiser
Dean of the Graduate School

The Graduate Council will meet in FG Mouton 207 on Tuesday, May 12, 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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GRADUATE COUNCIL

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order Dr. Wesley Bradford
- II. Invited Guest
 - a. Dr. Ramesh Kolluru, President
- III. Announcements and Approvals
 - a. Annual Meeting of the Graduate Faculty Recap
 - b. April 14, 2026 Meeting Minutes
- 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. Graduate Education Accessibility Issues
 - b. University Fiscal Health and Graduate Education Updates
 - c. Resolution of the Graduate Council regarding 2026-2027 Assistantship Funding
- VI. New Business
 - a. Ad Hoc Committee on Committees Final Report
 - b. Annual Report from the University Committee on Graduate Student Success and Retention
 - c. Annual Report from the Graduate Student Organization
 - d. Outside Observer Assignments
 - e. Recognition of Council Membership whose terms are ending
 - f. 2026-2027 Graduate Council Election Results
 - g. 2026-2027 Graduate Council Chair Elections
- VII. Good of the Order