

October 7, 2026

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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, October 13, 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:
[Graduate Council Meeting Agendas and Minutes.](#)

C: Department Heads/School Directors (FYI and agenda only)
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Dr. Dianne Olivier, Interim Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (FYI and agenda only)

GRADUATE COUNCIL

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AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Call to Order Dr. Philip Auter
- II. Announcements and Approvals
 - a. Provost Meeting Recap/Update
 - b. September 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes
 - c. Commencement and Doctoral Hooding Updates
 - d. Call for Grand Marshal Nominations
 - e. Call for Participants & Judges – 3MT Preliminary Rounds of Competition
- 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. Graduate Council Goals and Objectives for 2026-2027
 - i. University Committee on Graduate Student Success and Retention Recommendations
 - ii. Ad Hoc Committee on Committees Recommendations
 - iii. Defining the Graduate Coordinator Role
 - iv. Other
 - b. Outside Observer Policy
- V. New Business
 - a. Resolution Requesting Creation of University Task Force Defining the Graduate Coordinator Role
- VI. Good of the Order