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The Graduate Council will meet in Alumni Center Board Room on Tuesday, November 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: 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

November 10, 2026

AGENDA

I. Welcome and Call to Order ..... Dr. Philip Auter

II. Announcements and Approvals
   a. Provost Meeting Recap/Update
   b. October 13, 2026 Meeting Minutes

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: Standing Committee on Graduate Student Affairs and Well-Being, Standing Committee on Graduate Student Admissions and Recruitment
      iii. Defining the Graduate Coordinator Role
      iv. Other: New graduate faculty Mentoring and Career Development
   b. Outside Observer Policy
      i. Thesis/Dissertation Off Campus Outside Observer
      ii. Thesis/Dissertation External Content/Process Specialist

V. New Business
   a. Transfer Credit Appeal
   b. Selection of Grand Marshal
   c. Resolution Requesting Creation of University Task Force Defining the Graduate Coordinator Role
   d. Proposal to create a Standing Committee on Graduate Student Affairs and Well-Being
   e. Proposal to create a Standing Committee on Graduate Student Admissions and Recruitment

VI. Good of the Order