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From: Dr. Melanie Morgan, Dean

Cc: Dr. Matt Lovern, Associate Dean
Dr. Rebecca Sheehan, Associate Dean
Dr. Carol Powers, Assistant Dean
Guest: Abiola Samson, GPSGA – President

Date: January 23, 2026

RE: **January** Graduate Council Meeting

The January meeting of the Graduate Council will be held on FRIDAY, JANUARY 23, 2026 1:30 P.M. IN 126 ITLE.

AGENDA

- Approval of the minutes

- **APC Items**

Expedited

December 2025

1. EDS-EDUC-EH-EADM: Education: Educational Administration, EDS

Course modification and offer an online program delivery.

2. GCRT-FMEG: Fashion Merchandising, GCRT

Deletion: There have been no students enrolled.

3. GCRT-SPED-EH: Special Education, GCRT

Offer online delivery.

4. MA-TH: Theatre, MA

Program deletion: The MA in Theatre has been dormant for nearly a decade, and there are no plans to revitalize it.

5. MS-CDIS: Communication Sciences and Disorders, MS

Course modification.

Remover GRE.

6. MS-CHEM: Chemistry, MS

Course modification.

7. MS-DM-EH-ADTS : Design and Merchandising: Apparel Design and Textile Science, MS

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Course modification.

8. MS-DM-EH-ID : Design and Merchandising: Interior Design, MS

Course modification.

Remove GRE.

9. MS-DM-EH-MERC : Design and Merchandising: Merchandising, MS

Course modification.

Remove GRE.

10. MS-EPsy-EH-EPsy: Educational Psychology: Educational Psychology, MS

Course modifications.

11. MS-FCS-EH: Family and Community Services, MS

Reduced hours for degree: Per request from the IDEA online graduate program, this modification reflects a program change in required hours from 36 to 30 hours.

12. PHD-CHEM: Chemistry, PHD

Set 60 hours for degree requirements.

13. PHD-CPSY-EH: Counseling Psychology, PHD

Course modifications.

14. PHD-EPsy-EH-EPsy: Educational Psychology: Educational Psychology, PHD

Course modifications.

15. PHD-SPSY-EH: School Psychology, PHD

MS degree track option: Add option for student coming in with a master's degree; decrease required number of credit hours.

Remove GRE requirement.

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1. PHD-SOCIOLOGY

Remove post-baccalaureate to doctoral program option from degree sheet. 2) Added footnote that graduate coursework outside the department is allowed as approved by advisory committee.

2. PHD BADM-FIN

Lowered course hours requirements to 60 and reorganized layout.

3. PHD BADM-MKTG

Modification to currently required course work. Removed MKTG 6413/6913 as well as MSIS 6343.

- **Reports**

1. GPSGA Report – GPSGA President, Abiola Samson
2. Graduate College Report – Dr. Melanie Morgan

- **New Business**

1. Changes in scoring with TOEFL- Dr. Lovern
2. Clarifying appeals process – Dr. Lovern
3. Update on Strategic Planning Process- Dr. Morgan

- **Old Business**

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Relevant Dates:

- Last day to submit the Admission to Doctoral Candidacy form to the Graduate College for Summer 2026 graduation, January 30, 2026
- Last day to attend the Thesis and Dissertation Formatting & Guide to Graduation session or to view the online tutorial in GC Round-Up, March 6, 2026
- Last day to submit a revised Plan of Study (if required) to the Graduate College, March 13, 2026
- Last day to file a Graduation Application (The April 1 deadline is the last day to file for your name to appear in the Spring Commencement Book. The summer deadline applies to graduation clearance only) with the Office of the Registrar, April 1, 2026
- Last day to submit the Thesis/Dissertation Oral Defense Form to the Graduate College to meet Spring 2026 graduation deadlines, April 10, 2026
- Last day to submit the Thesis/Dissertation Oral Defense Form to the Graduate College to meet Spring 2026 graduation deadlines, April 17, 2026
- Last day to complete online submission of the electronic thesis or dissertation to the Graduate College, April 24, 2026
- Class Work Ends May 1, 2026
- Graduate Commencement Friday, May 8, 2026, 4:30 p.m.