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Graduate Council

Purpose: The Graduate Council, which reports to the Provost & Vice President for Academic Affairs, defines, in consultation with the Dean of the Graduate School, the policies that govern graduate education at the University in compliance with the regulations of the University, the Board of Supervisors for the University of Louisiana System, the Board of Regents, and the State of Louisiana. Specifically, the Council defines minimum criteria relating to admission, retention, and completion of students in degree and non-degree graduate programs; its jurisdiction also extends to policies governing graduate faculty membership and application of college criteria for that membership, revision and/or review of existing graduate programs, graduate degree requirements, graduate courses, and graduate assistantships and fellowships. The Council also advises the Dean of the Graduate School on matters pertaining to graduate education.

Membership: The Council consists of 27 members. Fourteen faculty members are elected by the graduate faculty according to college to a term of three years. There are seven dean-appointed faculty members, one for each of the academic colleges, who also serve a term of three years. Three members of the graduate faculty are appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School, in consultation with the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, to provide balance and equity; these members are appointed to a term of one or two years. Two graduate student representatives also serve on the Council. Finally, the Dean of the Graduate School is an *ex officio* member. Deans of the academic colleges, including associate and assistant deans, and are not eligible for membership on the Graduate Council. At its final meeting of each academic year, the Council elects a Chairperson from among its continuing members to serve a term of one year beginning on the first day of the month following the election.

Meetings: The Council normally meets on the second Tuesday of each month during the academic year. Other meetings of the Council may be called by its Chairperson, the Dean of the Graduate School, or the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

Standing Committees: The standing committees of the Graduate Council include:

- Appeals Committee – P. Robert Viguerie, Chair
- Curriculum Committee – Heather Stone, Chair
- Fellowships Committee – Michael Kightley, Chair
- Graduate Faculty Membership Committee – William Ferguson, Chair

The Chairperson of the Graduate Council is charged with appointing the membership, including the chairperson, of the standing committees for a term that corresponds with the academic year. Members may be reappointed. Each standing committee includes members from each academic college. Faculty membership of the standing committees is restricted to continuing, fulltime faculty who are members of the Graduate Faculty.

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Current Members for 2018-2019:

Elected Members

Name	Department	College
Thomas Cline	ARCH	Arts
Catherine Roche-Wallace	MUS	Arts
Patricia Lanier – Chair	MGMT	Business Administration
Curtis Matherne	MGMT	Business Administration
Greggory Davis	KNES	Education
Frank Del Favero	EDFL	Education
Emad Habib	CIVE	Engineering
Mehdi Mokhtari	PETE	Engineering
Holly Damico	CODI	Liberal Arts
Clancy Ratliff	ENGL	Liberal Arts
Christy Lenahan	NURS	Nursing & Allied Health Professions
Debbie White-Jefferson	NURS	Nursing & Allied Health Professions
Scott Duke-Sylvester	BIOL	Sciences
Andi Petculescu	PHYS	Sciences

Academic Deans' Appointed Members

Name	Department	College
Kari Smith	ARCH	Arts
Tom Wilson	ACCT	Business Administration
Katherine Hermann-Turner	COUE	Education
Mark Zappi	CHEE	Engineering
David Khey	CJUS	Liberal Arts
Jennifer Lemoine	NURS	Nursing & Allied Health Professions
Brian Schubert	GEOL	Sciences

Dean of the Graduate School's Appointed Members

Name	Department	College
Loic Bourdeau	MODL	Liberal Arts
Henry Chu	CMIX	Sciences
Heather Stone	EDCI	Education

Graduate Student Members

Name	Graduate Program
Daniel Odion, GSO Vice President	CIVE
Linda Fairchild, EdD Student	EDFL

Ex-Officio Member

Name	Office	College
Mary Farmer-Kaiser	Dean of the Graduate School	Graduate School



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