

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, Mar. 4th, 2026, 12 – 1 pm

Bertelsmeyer Hall, Room B12A

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes from Feb. 4th, 2026, meeting
3. President's Report
 - a. Subcommittee for the Graduate Faculty Rules and Regulations change.
 - b. Nominations solicited for the 2025-26 Awards Committee, Graduate Faculty Officers, and End of the Year Awards (Outstanding Contributions to Graduate Education and Graduate Staff Excellence Award Nomination)
 - c. Parliamentary update: nominations and volunteers still being accepted
4. New graduate tuition waiver procedure – Provost Harris
5. GRE requirement – Provost Harris
6. Remove the following section from the graduate catalog. The master's comprehensive exam is no longer required by any department:

Comprehensive Examination for the Master of Science Degree without Thesis

Some departments require candidates to successfully complete a comprehensive examination, which will be administered by an examination committee, typically in their final semester. The candidate must be enrolled at the time of the examination. If the examination is administered during the intersession, the student must have been enrolled in the immediately preceding semester/session; or, prior to the examination date, they must enroll in one credit hour of Oral Examination, 5040/6040 (charged as an examination only fee). The candidate will receive a passing grade if all, or all but one, of the members vote based on the departmental set criteria when the exam is administered. For candidates whose department requires a comprehensive examination, a committee will be designated by submitting the Form 1- B, first to the department chair and then to the vice provost of graduate education. The committee must consist of at least three members. The chair and at least half of the committee members must be members of the

Missouri S&T graduate faculty. If a committee member is not a member of graduate faculty, a vita verifying equivalent level (or higher) of education must be provided with the Form 1-B.

Results of the comprehensive examination must be submitted on the Form 3, first to the department chair and then to the vice provost of graduate education. A student who fails the examination twice will no longer be eligible to receive a graduate degree from that program. However, the student is still eligible to pursue a graduate degree from any other graduate degree program willing to accept them.

7. Suggestion: Invite course-based Master Program students to labs to do research projects. Make it a mandatory part of the program. Mutual selection. Project report evaluation by mentors. Students showing research potential can be considered for the Ph.D candidacy.
8. New Business
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