

Graduate Council Meeting Agenda

Wednesday, September 2nd, 2026

Computer Science, Room 209

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1. Roll Call
2. Approval of minutes from April 1, 2026, Graduate Council meeting
3. President's Report
 - a. Membership policy revision is on-going
 - b. Parliamentarian for 2026–2027
4. Dean Robert B. Bourret's Greeting Speech
5. Appointment of the 2026–2027 Membership Committee
 - a. Must be current members of Graduate Council and include at least one representative from each of the following areas: Engineering, Science, Arts, Humanities, and Social Sciences, and Business-related disciplines
6. End-of-Year Awards Committee Nominations
 - a. Nominations and self-nominations are requested for the 2026–2027 End-of-Year Awards Committee. Nominations should be submitted to mstgradfacpres@mst.edu.
 - b. The committee consists of five members: four Graduate Faculty members and one staff member who works with a graduate program or office
 - c. Graduate Council will vote on committee membership at the November meeting.
7. Faculty Standing Committee Election
 - a. Graduate Council must elect one member to serve on the Campus Curricula Committee. This election was not completed during the Spring 2026 semester.
 - b. Kyle Perry has volunteered to continue serving on the committee for the next term.
8. Allowing Project-Based Course (6000-Level) for Non-Thesis Programs (continued discussion from April 2026 Graduate Council meeting)
9. Graduate Student Stipend Recommendation for FY 2027–2028
10. New Business

Additional Context on Agenda Item 8:

Non-thesis degree requirements

The master of science degree without thesis requires a minimum of thirty hours of graduate credit. The plan of study (Form 1/1-A) must include a minimum of **twenty-four credit hours of 4000-, 5000-, and 6000-level lecture courses** (1000/2000-level courses cannot be included). A minimum of nine credit hours of the required coursework must come from the group of 6000-level lecture courses. Additionally, no credit hours of graduate research may be applied toward the plan of study.

Course descriptions

ELEC ENG 5000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)

Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

ELEC ENG 5099 Special Research And Thesis (IND 0.0-15)

Investigations of an advanced nature leading to the preparation of a thesis or dissertation. Consent of instructor required.

ELEC ENG 6000 Special Problems (IND 0.0-6.0)

Problems or readings on specific subjects or projects in the department. Consent of instructor required.

ELEC ENG 6099 Special Research And Thesis (IND 0.0-15)

Investigations of an advanced nature leading to the preparation of a thesis or dissertation. Consent of instructor required.

Component: format of the class offered, (such as LEC, RSD, LAB)

- **Lecture:** Faculty-delivered instruction to multiple students often, but not always, in a classroom setting. A lecture or standard class is the *primary portion of a course* that is often delivered face to face. While it is usually presented in a small or large group setting led by a faculty member, the course might also be very interactive and include group activities. Note: A course typically taught as a "lecture" class should always be labeled as a "lecture component."
- **RSD:** Recitation/Seminar/Discussion: Usually a smaller class focusing on greater interaction between the instructor and students that meets in a group setting to discuss topics. This format can include discussion sections related to a lecture course, or a stand-alone class.
- **Lab:** A class or the "practice" portion of a course in which experimentation, class projects or other exercises or skills are performed in conjunction with material presented.
- **Independent Study:** One-on-one instruction allowing for greater individualized learning and self-direction. Individual study may be directed studies that are based on an agreed topic between instructor and student. Topics may include but are not limited to research, problems, and readings.