

**Graduate Council AY17-18 Annual Report to the University Senate  
April 27, 2018**

The Graduate Council is a faculty representative body that advises the Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies (OGPS) and the Provost on issues related to graduate education. According to its constitution, the Graduate Council is required to report to the University Senate once per year on its activities. This report fulfills that requirement.

The Graduate Council met eight times during the 2017-18 Academic Year, with a ninth and final meeting scheduled for May 2, 2018. In addition to discussing a number of important issues related to graduate and postdoctoral education, it accomplished the following major tasks.

- Reviewed 43 master's programs within SLA, SSE, SOM, SOPA, SOA, and SSW. Participating programs will receive feedback from the Graduate Council review of their self-studies.
- Reviewed and approved new a MA program in Political Development (School of Liberal Arts).
- Reviewed and approved graduate certificate programs in Health Psychology and in GIS, both in the School of Science and Engineering.
- Reviewed and approved a new university-wide Graduate Assistant Policy.

Minutes of the Graduate Council meetings and copies of the approved policies and procedures outlined above are posted on the OGPS website at <http://tulane.edu/ogps>.