

Graduate Council Meeting Minutes

April 9, 2025

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1. Meeting called at 8:30
2. Approval of February Minutes, motioned by B. McFadden, seconded by V. Subramaniam
3. Grad Council Meeting Dates for Spring 2025
 - a. Program proposals and major changes must reach the Grad Council stage in CIM by the first Wednesday of the month. Email notice to Mike and Jennifer is greatly appreciated.
 - b. May 14
4. Announcements
 - a. University updates
 - i. Give Green Day is today
 - ii. Provost has been in discussions with academic deans about everything going on. If faculty have questions, please reach out to your deans
 - iii. Postdocs have had a lot of questions because their funding might be ending. Some postdocs' funding is being covered by Tulane money if needed
 - iv. Listening session for grad and professional student organization leaders was held on April 8. We were able to answer some questions and listen to their concerns. There were worries about the changes to university departments such as in the Center for Intercultural Life, but services will continue. The goal is to figure out ways to keep doing the work and programming students find important.
 - b. OISS is holding another session for international affairs information downtown on April 21
 - c. Lauren Lukkarila is holding coaching sessions which happen weekly. Many students are feeling particularly supported by these sessions
 - d. Updates to catalog
 - i. Honor code minor revision – aligning the penalties in an administrative disposition to that of an honor board
 - ii. Full time status – restriction on outside employment is listed there as “may” impact fellowships or scholarships
5. SPHTM notifications:

- a. DrPH in Leadership, Advocacy, and Equity: name changed to DrPH in Leadership in Social and Behavioral Sciences
 - b. Programs inactivated: MPH in Maternal and Child Health; Certificate in Social Epidemiology; Certificate in Epidemiologic Methods; Master of Science of Public Health in Environmental Health Sciences
- 6. SSW notifications:
 - a. MSW in Integrated Clinical and Community Practice in Social Work
 - i. Clarification of the major field of study for MSW
- 7. Meeting adjourned at 8:52, motioned by B. McFadden, seconded by R. Proctor