

**Graduate Council AY12 Annual Report to the University Senate**  
**April 16, 2012**

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 four times during the 2011-12 Academic Year. In addition to discussing a number of issues related to graduate education, it accomplished the following major tasks.

- Established a seven-year review schedule for all PhD programs to begin in FY13.
- Established review criteria and guidelines for review of PhD programs.
- Established minimum requirements for the PhD, to be published in the University Catalog.
- Approved a new master's program in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology in the School of Medicine.
- Approved the voluntary suspension of admissions to the PhD program in International Development.

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>.