

**Graduate Council AY14 Annual Report to the University Senate
April 28, 2014**

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 five times during the 2013-14 Academic Year, with a sixth and final meeting scheduled for May 14, 2014. In addition to discussing a number of important issues related to graduate and postdoctoral education, it accomplished the following major tasks.

- Reviewed and approved new MS programs in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology, and Clinical Anatomy, both in the School of Medicine.
- Approved minimum requirements for non-professional master's degrees (MA, MS, MFA, MLS and MProS): http://tulane.edu/ogps/upload/Policy_Minimum-Master-s-Requirements-FINAL.pdf.
- Reviewed and approved a graduate certificate program in Gender and Sexuality Studies (School of Liberal Arts).
- Oversaw the second set of periodic PhD program reviews. PhD programs in French Studies, History, Linguistics, Philosophy, and Spanish and Portuguese submitted self-study documents and were reviewed by an external panel of experts from peer institutions. The Graduate Council met with the External Review Team in March and will provide feedback to the Provost on the PhD External Review Team's Final Report. Participating departments and the dean will receive copies of their reports and the recommendations of the Graduate Council.

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>.