



Graduate Council Meeting
Friday, September 17, 2021, 12-1:30 pm
[Zoom Link](#)
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AGENDA

1. Welcome to these new members for AY 21-22:
 - Faculty: Debabrata Biswas (AGNR); Ken Elpus (ARHU); Christina Getrich (BSOS); Patrick Wohlfarth (BSOS); Jeffrey Shultz (CMNS); Steve Mount (CMNS); Sennur Ulukus (ENGR); Susan Moeller (JOUR); Andrew Elby (EDUC)
 - Students: Tamara Allard (GSG President); Annie Rappeport (GSG VP); Aaron Roth (CMNS); Autumn Perkey (BSOS); Annemarie Ewing (ARHU); Metecan Erdi (ENGR)
2. Approve [April 19, 2021 Graduate Council meeting minutes](#)
3. Welcome and announcements
 - 2021 gradSERU results to be available on reports.umd.edu by Sep. 29
 - Graduate enrollment update
 - [New graduate student orientation](#) (including the TerrapinSTRONG onboarding)
 - 2277 enrolled, 1866 completed (⇧ 68% from previous year)
 - HEERF-III emergency grants: \$6,124,000 awarded to 2,054 graduate students
 - Fellowships for Ph.D. candidates delayed by COVID: 70 Summer, 54 Fall
 - Updated travel guidance [draft message to DGS](#)
4. Policy discussion items, revisions and updates - **we will vote using a Zoom poll**
 - [Remote Defense Policy](#) -- feedback on the return to in-person defenses (discussion)
 - [Draft GOA Pilot Report](#) and next steps (discussion)
 - Revision to the [Policy on Waiver of Mandatory Fees](#) (discussion and vote)
 - Revision to the [Procedures for the Oral Dissertation Defense](#) (discussion and vote)
 - [BTAA Peer Analysis](#)
 - [Document with changes tracked](#)
 - [Clean document](#)
 - [Process](#) for making post-submission corrections to theses and dissertations (discussion and vote)
5. Topics for (future) discussion
 - Reduced tuition rate for [clinical internship and apprenticeship courses](#)
 - Holistic admission training for programs
 - Deadline for accepting an offer of admission