



Graduate Council Meeting

Wednesday, March 15, 2023, 2:00-3:30 pm
[Zoom](#)

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AGENDA

1. Welcome
2. Approve [February 15, 2023, Graduate Council](#) meeting minutes
3. Updates and announcements
 - a. gradSERU, opened February 27 and closes March 27
 - b. [3MT](#) (three-minute thesis) reminder
 - c. Flagship, President's, McNair, and Wylie fellowship update
 - d. [Exceptional recruitment funds](#)
 - e. DGS/CGS Office hours, Tuesday, April 11, 2 pm (virtual)
 - f. Graduate School Writing Center's [upcoming workshops](#)
 - [Preparing for Conferences](#) series
 - [Developing as an Academic Writer](#) series
 - g. [Sloan Foundation call for pre-proposals](#): Sloan Center for Systemic Change
 - h. Graduate Student Appreciation Week, April 3-7
 - [Graduate Research Appreciation Day](#) (GRAD), April 5
 - i. Reviewing some of the campus mentorship statements and mentorship template
4. Discussions
 - a. Health Insurance for graduate students
 - b. Policies for [Leave of Absence](#) and [Time Away from Duties](#)
 - [Additional guidance on LOA](#)
 - [GSG Resolution](#) to reconsider Leave of Absence policy
 - Health insurance
 - GA appointment
 - Shorter-term absence while maintaining registration
 - c. [Senate revision](#) of [Academic Integrity and Student Conduct Codes](#): continue discussion (from 2/3/23) on sanctions for violations
 - "The normal sanction for a graduate student is the grade of "XF" and dismissal (suspension or expulsion) from the University." But of 111 cases in which



graduate students were found responsible for violations of the Code of Academic Integrity, only 9 (8%) resulted in suspension.

- Possible language for violations related to GA duties: “GAs who are charged with any violation of the Code of Academic Integrity, the Code of Student Conduct, another University policy, or with a criminal offense may be suspended from their positions while the charges against them are pending. Students found responsible for any such violation or offense may be terminated.”

5. New and Future Business