



Graduate Council Meeting

April 10, 2024

10:00 - 11:30 am

UPDATED: <https://umd.zoom.us/j/97172542500>

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AGENDA

1. Approval of [March meeting minutes](#)
2. Welcome and announcements
 - a. Open Forums are open to all UMD graduate students, though each is focused on a particular topic or group of interest, as follows:
 - April 22, 1p (ESJ 0201, and [Zoom](#) - *umd.edu email required to join*): **International Graduate Students (co-hosted with the Office of International Affairs)**. International graduate students have a variety of unique issues that affect their student experience. Representatives from OIA, ISSS, and other international affairs offices will join this session to answer questions and hear your thoughts about improving the international graduate student experience. <https://umd.zoom.us/j/95830737602>
 - April 30, 3p (ESJ 2204, and [Zoom](#) - *umd.edu email required to join*): **Graduate Student Housing (co-hosted with Division of Administration and Division of Student Affairs)**. Graduate student housing is a major concern for some of our students. This forum will provide an update on a new graduate housing project that will double UMD's graduate housing capacity in fall 2026, allow discussion about current graduate housing, and elicit feedback on a possible living-learning community idea for graduate students. <https://umd.zoom.us/j/91051856996>
 - b. End-of-year updates
 - Graduate faculty nominations and [exceptions](#) made in the academic year
 - Grievances and outcomes
 - c. SME Task Force
 - d. Thank you to our outgoing Counselors
 - AGNR: Debabrata Biswas
 - ARHU: Ken Elpus
 - BSOS: Christina Marisa Getrich
 - CMNS: Steve Mount



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- CMNS: Jeffrey Shultz
 - ENGR: Sennur Ulukus
 - JOUR: Rob Wells
 - SPH: Edmond Shenassa
 - GSG: Autumn Dawn Perkey
 - GSG: Jillian Rothschild
 - ARHU GRAD: Lauren Cain
 - CMNS GRAD: Souradip Chakraborty
- e. 3MT Competition, April 17, Charles Carroll Room, 1 pm
 - f. Annual Updates for the next admissions cycle are ongoing. Release July 1st.
 - g. Holistic admissions: [personal experience prompts survey](#)
 - h. 2024 spring graduation deadline for doctoral students to submit a dissertation and REC form is 4/16/24
 - i. Statement of Mutual Expectation (SME) [survey](#)
3. Proposed policy discussions
 - a. [The role of Graduate Council in the approval of Combined Degrees](#)
 - b. [GAs working from abroad](#)
 4. Future Discussion
 - a. Plagiarism detection software for dissertations and theses (AI usage generally)
 - b. Graduate School strategic planning and Grad Council's involvement
 - c. SPH query - Evelyn King