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**The Graduate Council will meet via Zoom on Thursday, December 3, at 2:00 p.m.** Attached, you will find the agenda and minutes from our most recent meeting. Past Graduate Council meeting agendas and minutes are available on the Graduate School website at <https://gradschool.louisiana.edu/faculty/graduate-council/graduate-council-minutes-and-agendas>.

C: Department Heads (FYI and agenda only)  
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Dr. Jaimie Hebert, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (FYI and agenda only)

**GRADUATE COUNCIL**

December 3, 2020

**AGENDA**

1. **Call to Order** .....Dr. Jennifer Lemoine
2. **Approvals**
  - A. November 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes
  - B. Applications for Candidacy
3. **Standing Committee Reports**
  - A. Student Appeals ..... Dr. Yung-Hsing Wu
  - B. Curriculum ..... Dr. Sarah Young and Dr. Chris Giroir
  - C. Diversity and Inclusion ..... Dr. Michael Kightley and Dr. Taniecea Mallery
  - D. Fellowships ..... Dr. Scott France
  - E. Graduate Faculty Membership..... Dr. Clancy Ratliff
4. **Old Business**
5. **New Business**
  - A. Fall 2020 Graduation Update
  - B. Upcoming Programming Update

**Required Holistic Admissions Training for Faculty involved in Graduate Admissions**

This summer the Graduate Council, the Graduate School, and the University Committee for Graduate Student Success and Retention committed to “requiring faculty responsible for graduate admissions to complete training on holistic admissions practices that promote diversity, equity, and inclusion.” These trainings are the start of that promise. An announcement will be shared shortly with the following dates and the registration/zoom details.

- Tuesday, December 15, 1-2:30 pm
- Tuesday, January 19, 6-7:30pm
- Wednesday, January 20, 1-2:30pm
- More dates to be added as needed.

**Grad Gather and Grow Speaker Series – December 14-16, 2020**

Recognizing that this is a very long break and that we want to provide grad students and grad faculty some added motivation, the Grad School has partnered with the GSO and SGA to bring “in” several outstanding speakers. We ask you to attend yourself and, even more, to tell each of your students that they should do likewise. While an announcement with registration links will be shared shortly, the lineup includes:

**“Rediscover Your Why”**

Monday, December 14, at 12pm

Dr. Beth Godbee  
Graduate Career Consortium Speaker and Contributor to InsideHigherEd, Independent Scholar, and Founder of Heart-Head-Hands: Everyday Living for Justice

**“Going Beyond 2 Suitcases”**

Monday, December 14, at 5pm

Dr. Shoba Subramanian, Director of Curriculum and Educational Initiatives, Office of Graduate and Postdoctoral Studies, University of Michigan Medical School

**“Preserving and Promoting Wellness in a Remote Setting”**

Tuesday, December 15, at 6pm

Dr. Ray Schroeder, Associate Vice Chancellor for Online Learning, University of Illinois at Springfield

**“Graduate Student Health and Wellness: A Roadmap for Action for Individual Students, Faculty, Graduate Programs, and Universities”**

Wednesday, December 16, at 12pm

Dr. Meghan Duffy, Professor in the Department of Ecology & Evolutionary Biology, University of Michigan

**Three-Minute Thesis Finals – December 17 at 2pm**

(<https://ullafayette.zoom.us/j/4073429198>)

Our finalists include:

**Angel Badewole, Department of Chemical Engineering**

"Conversion of Methane to Useful Oils via Bacteria Digestion"

**Chase Cormier, Department of Modern Languages**

"Louisiana Boucheries and Recipes for Survival"

**Bhaskar Ghosh, School of Computing and Informatics**

"Are you Certain It's Time to Prepare?"

**Elizabeth Heintz, School of Kinesiology**

"Obesity Treatment BAM15 Prevents Fat Storage in Mice"

**Lara Hernandez, Department of Nursing**

"Home is Where the Heart Is: Remote Patient Monitoring to Improve Outcomes in Patients with Heart Failure"

**Madison Istre, Department of Psychology**

"What is Alexithymia?"

**Victoria Karpuska, Department of Psychology**

"Embodied Cognition: The Link Between Music and Language Processing?"

**Christina Keathley, Department of Biology**

"The Shocking Truth About Electroreceptive Salamanders"

**LaTosha Mollette, Department of Nursing**

"Implementation and Evaluation of an Opioid Risk Assessment Tool in the Primary Care Setting"

**Leticia Silva Pires, Department of Communication**

"A Framing Analysis of the Amazon Rainforest Fire in 2019 by American and Brazilian Newspapers"