

13 January 2026

TO: **Graduate Studies Council:** Upul Attanayake, Claire Bindord, Christine Byrd-Jacobs, Micky Carignano, Lisa DeChano-Cook, Kristhyna Fermin, Jennifer Fiore, Lori Gray, Peter Gustafson, Michael Harnar, Michelle Hrivnyak, Cindy Linn, Larry Simon
Advisory Member: Carrie Cumming
Ex Officio: Laura Teichert
Guest: Diana Berkshire Hearit, Graduate Award Specialist, Graduate College

FROM: Marcellis Zondag, Chair

**Graduate Studies Council
AGENDA**

Thursday, 22 January 2026, 3 to 5 p.m.
Walwood Hall, Bertha Davis Room W-111

1. **Call to Order**
2. **Acceptance of the Agenda**
3. **Approval of Minutes**
 - a. Graduate Studies Council – 11 December 2025 Minutes
4. **New Business**
 - a. All University Graduate Awards – Berkshire Hearit
 - b. Election of Graduate Teaching Effectiveness Award Sub Committees – Zondag
 - c. Proposal: Program Name Change: Master of Arts in Special Education Clinical Teacher – Zondag
5. **Reports of Officers**
 - a. Chair Report – Zondag
 - b. Ex Officio Report – Teichert
6. **Reports of University Representatives**
 - a. Graduate College – Byrd-Jacobs
 - b. Curriculum Manager – DeChano-Cook
 - c. Graduate Student Association – Binford/Fermin
7. **Unfinished Business**
 - a. Updates Sub-Committees on Prior Learning Assessment and Graduate Artificial Intelligence Use Policy – Zondag
8. **New Business**
9. **Announcement**
10. **Adjournment**

COUNCILS ONLY: Elected members who cannot attend the meeting are asked to send a substitute of their choice who also represents their respective college. Non-elected members are not restricted as to whom they may designate to substitute for them.