



Associate/Assistant Graduate Deans Council Meeting

January 27, 2026

2:00-4:00 pm

Close-Hipp - Room 583

The AAGDC Meeting was held on Tuesday, January 27, 2026, at 2:00 p.m. at the Close-Hipp Building

Present: Dean Lara Lomicka Anderson, Aaron Marterer, Matthew Brown, Robin Dawson, Danny Jenkins, Dale Moore, Peter Moyi, Doug Pittman, Susan Rahbun-Grubb, Ben Roth, Jill Stewart, Paul Toriello, Jack Turner, Tracey Weldon, Lucy Yu, and Kamirah Williams

Special Guest(s): Joey Derrick and Stephanie McCarter

Welcome & Review of Agenda - Dean Lara Lomicka Anderson

Dean's Update - Dean Lara Lomicka Anderson



Workshop-flyer-Spring-2026.pdf



Dean's Awards Descriptions (2026).pdf



2026 First-Gen Symposium.pdf

- Spring Thesis and Dissertation Workshops
- Graduation Application
 - Deadline: Friday, 13 March 2026
- University Awards Day – Tuesday, 14 April 2026
 - Doctoral Achievement
 - Master's Achievement
- Presidential Fellowship
 - 1st Round Nomination
 - Deadline: Friday, 30 January 2026
- First-Gen Symposium – Friday, 27 March 2026
 - Undergraduate and Graduate Students
- Graduate Student Travel Requests
 - College/Department Resources
- Grace Jordan McFadden Professors Program
 - Deadline: 24 February 2026
 - 3 Slots Available in Fall 2026
 - Awarded \$10K per year for four years

Graduate School: Federal Financial Aid Landscape - Joey Derrick



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OBBBA Grad Profes:

- One Big Beautiful Bill Act – Rules released in spring
 - Impacts on Graduate/Professional Student Loans
 - Impacts to all Programs/Students
 - Impacts on Federal Parent Plus Loan
 - Action Plan

Academic Standing Policy - Aaron Marterer

- Automated Academic Probation Process and Proper Verbiage
- Manual Academic Suspension Review
- Program Specific Progression Requirements

Term Status - Lucy Yu

- Associate Faculty and Term of Appointment Nominations
 - Program Specific Processes

Open Discussion

- Explorance Blue Non-Technical Issue
 - Accuracy of Information
- Z-Status Requests Process / Degree Works Function Guidance
- ADA Compliance
 - Deadline: 24 April 2026
 - Dynamic Forms, Digital Accessibility, and Classroom Materials
 - Workshops explaining EDT
 - Submitting an application for graduation with a dissertation that requires minor revisions does not constitute acceptance of the Electronic Dissertation and Thesis (EDT).

Next Meeting of the AAGDC meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2026