Western Graduate& PostdoctoralStudies

GRADUATE EDUCATION COUNCIL (GEC)

November 25, 2026
10:30am – 12:00pm
Western Interdisciplinary Research Building (WIRB), Room 3000
Zoom link

AGENDA

1. Call to Order — K. Siddiqui
2. Land Acknowledgement — K. Sedig
3. Confirmation of Quorum
4. Approval of Draft Minutes – **Exhibit A**

   Recommendation #1: That the Graduate Education Council approve its Draft Minutes of October 28, 2026 as presented in Exhibit A.

5. Business Arising
   5.1 Revisions following Senate – **Exhibit B**

6. New Business for Approval
   6.1 Graduate Education Council - Membership Updates – **Exhibit C**

   Recommendation #2: That the Graduate Education Council approve its proposed new members, effective November 25, 2026 as presented in Exhibit C.

   6.2 Business from the Academic Policy Committee
      6.2.1 Procedure for Thesis Formats and Content - **Exhibit D**

   Recommendation #3: That the Graduate Education Council approve for information to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, and Senate that effective January 15, 2027, the Procedure for Thesis Formats and Content be revised as presented in Exhibit D.

6.2.2 Procedure for Thesis Examinations and Final Submission - **Exhibit E**

<u>Recommendation #4</u>: That the Graduate Education Council approve for information to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, and Senate that effective January 15, 2027, the Procedure for Thesis Examinations and Final Submission be revised as presented in Exhibit E.

6.2.3 Policy for Accommodation for Religious Holidays - **Exhibit F**

<u>Recommendation #5</u>: That the Graduate Education Council approve for recommendation to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, and Senate that effective January 15, 2027, the Policy for Accommodation for Religious Holidays be revised as presented in Exhibit F.

6.2.4 Procedure for Accommodation for Religious, Indigenous, or Spiritual Observances - **Exhibit G**

<u>Recommendation #6</u>: That the Graduate Education Council approve for information to the Senate Committee on Academic Policy, and Senate that effective January 15, 2027, the Procedure for Accommodation for Religious, Indigenous, or Spiritual Observances be introduced as presented in Exhibit G.

7. Reports of the GEC Sub-Committees *(standing, for information)*
   7.1 Academic Policy Committee – **Exhibit H**

   7.2 Postdoctoral Affairs Advisory Committee – **Exhibit I**

   7.3 Professional Development Advisory Committee – no report

   7.4 Supervision and Mentorship Advisory Committee – no report

8. Other Business

9. Adjournment