

Graduate Council

The Graduate Council is the executive committee of the Graduate Faculty and is responsible for the formulation of academic policy and programs related to graduate study at Mississippi State University. In addition, the Council may advise the Dean of the Graduate School on any matter they, or the Dean, feel is appropriate. The Chairperson of the Graduate Council is elected by and from the members of the Council.

The Council consists of one elected member from each of the eight academic colleges offering graduate study (programs), a graduate student association representative, and one fewer in number (seven) appointed by the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, of which at least one must represent interdisciplinary programs. Not more than two appointed faculty members may be from the same college or school. To be eligible for membership on the Council, members must hold Graduate Faculty status. The term of office is three academic years. A vacancy on the Council is filled in the same manner in which the member vacating the position was selected. In addition to the faculty, the Council has one graduate student representative who is usually the president of the Graduate Student Association. S/he is a voting member, and the term of office is one academic year.

Ex-officio members include:

- Dean of the Graduate School;
- Associate Dean of the Graduate School;
- Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs;
- Executive Vice Provost;
- Vice President for Research and Economic Development;
- Dean of University Libraries;
- Executive Director of Center for Distance Education;
- Director of International Institute;
- Chair of University Committee on Courses and Curricula;
- Associate University Registrar; and
- Director of Academic Quality, Institutional Effectiveness

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Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, Ph.D., Chair

Professor, Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education
College of Education

Russell Carr, Ph.D., Vice-Chair

Associate Professor, Basic Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine

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Peter L. Ryan, Ph.D.

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Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula

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Associate Registrar

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Director of Academic Quality, Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

Elected Members

Richard Harkess, Ph.D., 2023

Professor, Plant and Soil Sciences
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Saeed Rokooie, Ph.D., 2023

Assistant Professor, Building Construction Science
College of Architecture, Art, and Design

Kenneth Anthony, Ph.D., 2023

Associate Professor, Curriculum, Instruction, and Special Education
College of Education

Kevin Armstrong, Ph.D., 2025

Associate Professor, Psychology
College of Arts and Sciences

Donald Grebner, Ph.D., 2023

Professor, Forestry
College of Forest Resources

Priscilla Hill, Ph.D., 2024

Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering
Bagley College of Engineering

Russell Carr, Ph.D., 2023, Vice-Chair

Associate Professor, Basic Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine

Joel Collier, Ph.D., 2022

Professor, Marketing, Quantitative Analysis, and Business Law
College of Business

Appointed Members

Larry Hanson, Ph.D., 2023

Professor, Basic Sciences
College of Veterinary Medicine

Karli McNeel, 2022

Graduate Student Association President

Adrian Sescu, Ph.D., 2024

Associate Professor, Aerospace Engineering
Bagley College of Engineering

Sandra Orozco Aleman, Ph.D., 2023

Associate Professor, Finance and Economics
College of Business

Nick Fitzkee, Ph.D., 2025

Associate Professor, Chemistry
College of Arts and Sciences

Kevin Hunt, Ph.D., 2025

Professor, Wildlife, Fisheries, & Aquaculture
College of Forest Resources

Kelly Wamsley, Ph.D., 2025

Associate Professor, Poultry Science
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, Ph.D., 2023

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