

Graduate Council Program Review and Awards Committee

February 6, 2026 • 9:30 am • Zoom

MINUTES

Members Present: Reid Oetjen (CCIE), Mehdi Razavi (COM), Corinne Bishop (UL), Jeong-Yeol Park (RCHM), Madison Goran (GSA), Stephen Eikenberry (CREOL), Ahmad Elshennawy (CECS), Daniel Marien (COS), Sara Lopez (CBA), John Weishampel (CGS), Beatriz Reyes-Foster (CGS)

Recorder: Emily Stettner

Welcome and call to order

The meeting was called to order at 9:30am by committee chair Reid Oetjen.

General Business

The committee unanimously approved the minutes from the October 10, 2025 meeting.

Awards

The committee members reviewed the nominations for graduate student and faculty awards: Award for Outstanding Creative Work, Award for Outstanding Dissertation, Award for Outstanding Master's Thesis, Award for Faculty Excellence in Mentoring Postdoctoral Scholars, and the University Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching. The committee members were provided with the nominees' entries prior to the meeting along with a criteria sheet to rate the nominees. Ratings were received from the committee members prior to the meeting and compiled by Emily Stettner. The results were displayed to facilitate discussion.

Discussions were held for each award category regarding criteria and the rankings. The final votes were recorded and the committee approved University winners for the awards. The University Award for Excellence in Graduate Teaching was tabled and will be reviewed at the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at approximately 9:44am. The next meeting will be February 20 via Zoom.