

# Graduate Council

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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), and one fewer in number (seven) appointed by the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. 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 have Level 1 status on the Graduate Faculty. The term of office is three 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. She/he is a voting member, and the term of office is one year.

Ex officio members include the Dean of the Graduate School; Associate Dean of the Graduate School; Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs; Associate Provost; Associate Vice President for Administrative Services; Vice President for Research and Economic Development; Dean of University Libraries; Director of Center for Distance Education; Director of International Institute; Chairman of University Committee on Courses and Curricula; Associate University Registrar; and Director of Institutional Effectiveness.

## Officers

### **Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, Ph.D., Chair**

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

### **Russell Carr, Ph.D., Vice Chair**

Associate Professor, Basic Sciences  
College of Veterinary Medicine

## Ex Officio Members

### **Amy Adkerson, M.S.**

Associate Registrar

### **Judy L. Bonner, Ph.D.**

Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs

### **Peter Ryan, Ph.D.**

Interim Dean of the Graduate School

### **Tim Chamblee, Ph.D.**

Director, Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness

### **Frances N. Coleman, M.L.S.**

Dean of University Libraries

### **Dana Franz, Ph.D.**

Chair, University Committee on Courses and Curricula

### **Brien L. Henry, Ph.D.**

Interim Associate Dean of the Graduate School

### **Peter L. Ryan, Ph.D.**

Associate Provost for Academic Affairs

### **Susan Seal, Ph.D.**

Executive Director, Center for Distance Education

### **David R. Shaw, Ph.D.**

Vice President for Research and Economic Development

## Elected Members

**Kevin Armstrong, Ph.D., 2021**

Associate Professor, Psychology  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Pricilla Hill, Ph.D., 2021**

Associate Professor, Chemical Engineering  
Bagley College of Engineering

**Joel Collier, Ph.D., 2019**

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

**Donald Grebner, Ph.D., 2021**

Professor, Forestry  
College of Forest Resources

**Chien Yu, Ph.D., 2019**

Professor, Instructional Systems & Workforce Development  
College of Education

**Richard Harkess, Ph.D., 2020**

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

**Beth Miller, Ph.D., 2020**

Professor and Director, Interior Design  
College of Architecture, Art, and Design

## Appointed Members

**Lara Dodds, Ph.D., 2019**

Professor, English  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Rebecca Robichaux-Davis, Ph.D., 2019**

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

**Henk Arnoldus, Ph.D., 2019**

Professor, Physics & Astronomy  
College of Arts and Sciences

**Ashli Brown Johnson, Ph.D., 2019**

Assistant Professor, Biochemistry, Molecular Biology, Entomology, and Plant Pathology  
College of Agriculture and Life Sciences

**Laura Marler, Ph.D., 2021**

Associate Professor, Management  
College of Business

**Linkan Bian, Ph.D., 2021**

Associate Professor, Industrial and Systems Engineering  
Bagley College of Engineering

**Larry Hanson, Ph.D., 2020**

Professor, Basic Sciences  
College of Veterinary Medicine

**John Buol, 2019**

Graduate Student Association Representative