



Graduate Directors Meeting  
March 27, 2025  
3:00 – 5:00 pm  
Teams Meeting

The Graduate Director's Meeting was held on Thursday, March 27, 2025, via Teams.

Member attendance: Brandon Applegate, Beth Barnes, Angela Baum, Sam Beals, Anne Bezuidenhout, Christine Blake, Alexandre Bonafos, Bob Brookshire, Lana Burgess, Kenneth Campbell, Brian Chen, Libby Cross, Rhonda Dinovo, Whitney Dobek, Peter Duffy, Sarah Gassman, Andrew Graciano, Josh Grace, Shana Harrington, Linda Hazlett, Andrea Henderson, Andres Heyden, Danny Jenkins, Bret Kloos, Matt Klopfenstein, Kevin LeBlanc, Kathryn Lubok, Lyda McCartin, Fang Meng, Robert Moran, Nabil Natafji, Jennifer O'Neill, Dimitris Rizos, Christine Sacco-Bene, Matthias Schindler, Stephen Shapiro, Brett Sherman, Christy Smith, Harlan Smith, Susan Steck, Jill Stewart, Angelina Sylvain, Guoan Wang, Matthew Wilson, Cath Wiskes, Sheryl Wiskur, Hong Wong, Mark Yancey, Lucy Yu

Dean Ann Vail presided over the meeting and called the meeting to order.

### **International Student Update**

Harlan Smith, Division of International Student and Scholar Support, Global Carolina shared a statement on concerns about our international students.

“We are following the rapidly evolving landscape closely. It is important to us that we offer not only timely, but accurate support. When federal agencies publish new information, we will communicate internally to our campus community. In the meantime, we are available to meet with students individually in ISSS.”

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Dean Angelina Sylvain shared information on the 2024 Graduate Student Needs Assessment.

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### **Admitted Applicant Survey**

[https://analytics.sc.edu/#/workbooks/1340?origin=card\\_share\\_link](https://analytics.sc.edu/#/workbooks/1340?origin=card_share_link)

### **2024 Graduate Student Needs Assessment**

[https://analytics.sc.edu/#/workbooks/1281?origin=card\\_share\\_link](https://analytics.sc.edu/#/workbooks/1281?origin=card_share_link)

Dean Vail discussed the weekly admissions report. We have admitted 300 more students this year vs last year. Responses need to be sent to the students if the colleges are not going to admit the students.

The Dissertation Writing Academy will be held in person on May 13 – 30. There will be an online session on June 9 – 27.

The Recognition Ceremony will be at the Columbia Convention Center on Friday, April 25<sup>th</sup>.

Doctoral Hooding will be held on Thursday May 8<sup>th</sup> at **9:00 am**.

Kesha Clavon had 8 webinars for Admitted Graduate Students Week. There were 600 students registered for the webinars. Admitted Graduate Students Week is posted on our new Welcome Graduate Students webpage.

[https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges\\_schools/graduate\\_school/new\\_students/welcome/index.php](https://www.sc.edu/study/colleges_schools/graduate_school/new_students/welcome/index.php)

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Next meeting: April 24, 2025, 3:00 – 5:00, Close-Hipp, Room 584

Minutes by Cherrie Markey