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From: Dr. Melanie Morgan, Dean

Cc: Dr. Matt Lovern, Associate Dean
Dr. Rebecca Sheehan, Associate Dean
Dr. Carol Powers, Assistant Dean
Guest: Abiola Samson, GPSGA – President

Date: April 24, 2026

RE: April Graduate Council Meeting

The April meeting of the Graduate Council will be held on FRIDAY, APRIL 24TH, 2026, AT 1:30 P.M. IN 126 ITLE.

AGENDA

1. Approval of the minutes

2. APC Items

Expedited approved:

- **PUBLIC HEALTH IN RURAL AND UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES, GCRT**
College change, fully online, and course modification:
Changing the program from the Graduate College to College of Professional Studies. Updating the courses to be all required with no electives. Certificate is completely online.
- **PUBLIC HEALTH, MPH**
College change, fully online, and course modification:
Changing the program from the Graduate College to College of Professional Studies and also. Updating curriculum to match current degree requirements. Cross-listed courses removed, as no longer used. Guided electives have all been updated. Additionally, the MPH program is completely online.
- **PUBLIC HEALTH: RURAL UNDERSERVED POPULATIONS, MPH**
College change, fully online, and course modification:
Updates to reflect the current required curriculum in the program for both the thesis and practicum options. There are no longer any cross listings due to lack of faculty teaching the cross-listed courses. Additionally, the MPH program is completely online.

Three new Graduate Certificates approved by APC without the need for full Graduate Council Review:

- **Forensic Criminal Intelligence**

The purpose of the Certificate in Forensic Criminal Intelligence is to prepare students and professionals with the analytical skills, investigative methods, and applied knowledge required to collect, evaluate, and interpret criminal intelligence in support of public safety and security. The program is designed to bridge the gap between law enforcement, forensic science, and intelligence analysis by equipping graduates to identify patterns of criminal behavior, assess threats, and provide actionable insights to decision-makers.

- **Forensic Genealogy**

The purpose of the Forensic Genealogy Certificate is to equip students and professionals with the specialized knowledge and applied skills needed to use genealogical methods in forensic contexts. The certificate is designed to prepare graduates to contribute to criminal investigations, civil legal disputes, and human identification efforts by bridging traditional genealogical research with forensic science. The certificate provides an opportunity to professionalize and expand the workforce in this emerging field while supporting justice, public safety, and the resolution of long-standing cases.

- **Medical Education**

This graduate certificate is the basis for a longitudinal mentorship experience aiming to build the foundational skills needed for success in academic medicine, positioning residents to become effective educators, mentors, and leaders in their field.

3. Reports

- GPSGA Report – GPSGA President, Abiola Samson
- Graduate College Report – Dr. Melanie Morgan

4. Old Business

- Policy 4.0; **4.1OSU Faculty Members** (page 6) Graduate College Policy Manual - Dr. Morgan
- By Laws Sub-Committee Meeting/Document
- Update Syllabus in 00 ending courses

5. New Business

- Update on Strategic Planning Process- Dr. Morgan
- Graduation Changes- Dr. Morgan

Relevant Dates:

- Spring General Graduate Faculty Meeting, April 28, 2026 (Changed due to HLC visit)
- Last day to complete online submission of the electronic thesis or dissertation to the Graduate College, April 24, 2026
- Graduate College Award Ceremony, April 29, 3:30 p.m. Starlight Terrace
- Class Work Ends May 1, 2026
- Graduate Commencement Friday, May 8, 2026, 4:30 p.m.