

**Minutes of the Graduate Council**  
**January 23, 2023**

**Members in Attendance:**

Ali Beskok, Alan Itkin, Akihito Kamata, Elfi Kraka, Anna Lovatt, Brian Molanphy, Volkan Otugen, Alexandra E. Pavlakis, Anthony Petrosino, Robin Poston, Dinesh Rajan, Gretchen Smith

**Members Not in Attendance:**

Kate Carté, Renee McDonald

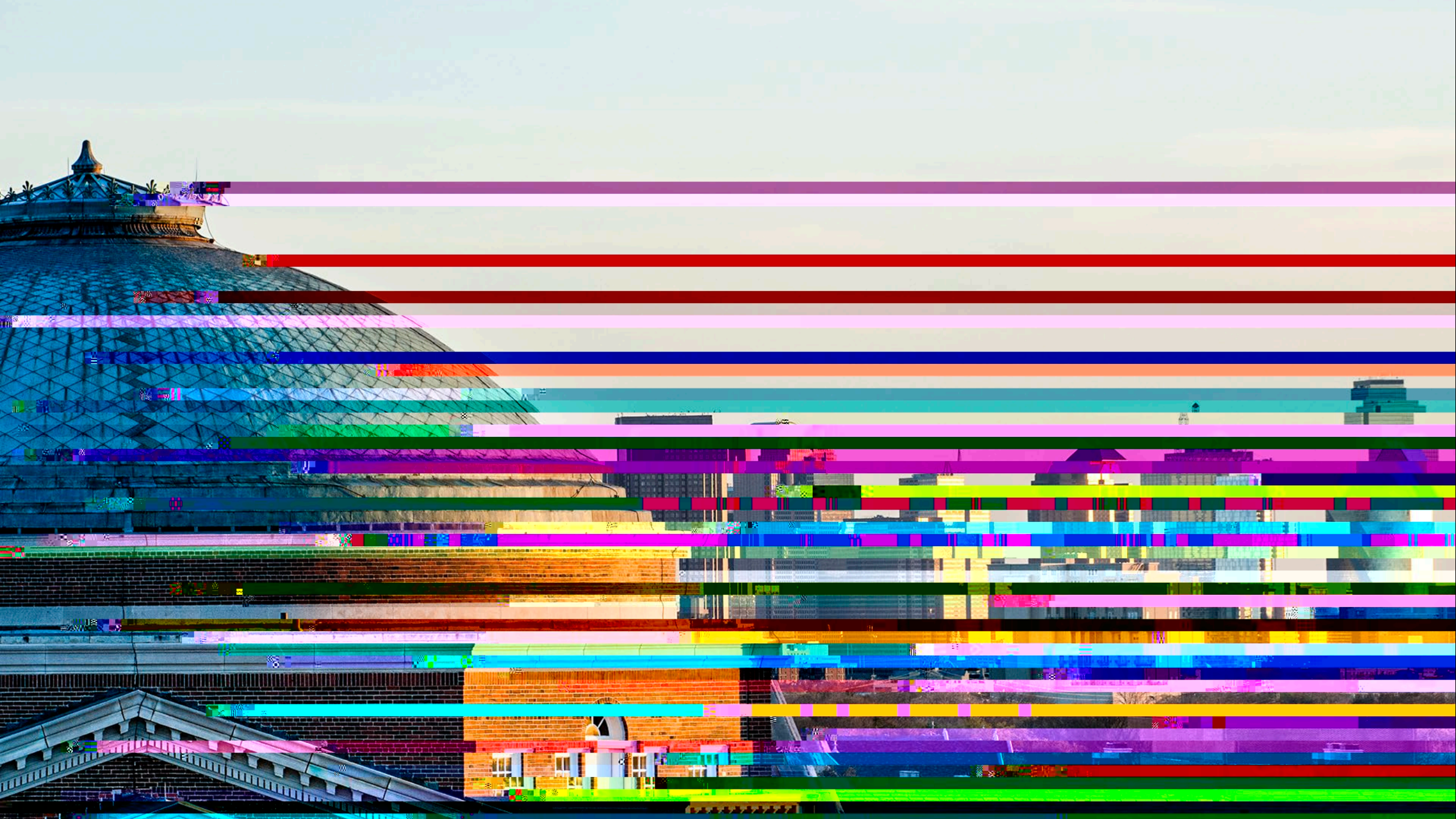
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**Business:**

- **Minutes of the November and December Meetings:** A motion to approve the minutes of the November 30 and December 6 meetings was moved, seconded, and carried.
- **SMU Go Policies Vote Results:** Drs. Poston and Itkin shared a policy for the Moody School Charter and Administrative Handbook that was voted on online by the Graduate Council (see slide 5 below). They also shared the results of the vote: 12-0 in favor of the new policy, which was approved unanimously (slide 6). Dr. Itkin presented the comments that were submitted with the survey as well, and Dr. Poston addressed those comments: Online programs in the schools and colleges will continue to be supported by SMU GOCE, and she and the staff of the Moody School will be cautious not to let oversight of SMU GOCE distract from the other priorities of the school.
- **Moody School Fellowship Review:** Dr. Itkin went through the fellowship review process for Moody Graduate, Mustang, and University PhD Fellowships and told Council members that elected members of the Council would be asked to serve on the subcommittee that reviews fellowship nominations (slide 8). Dr. Itkin said that review of nominations would be done online, but that the subcommittee would meet to make final selections. Prof. Molanphy asked whether one of the appointed rather than elected members could serve on the committee, if all representatives of their school on the Graduate Council were in favor of that. There was discussion of this point, and the Council agreed that schools could have discretion to decide which two of their representatives would serve on the fellowship review subcommittee, but that the whole Graduate Council would be

- **Graduate Student Success Day:** Dr. Poston went through the schedule for the Graduate Student Success day, which will take place on Feb. 6 and feature Kurt Kraiger, an expert on graduate

- **Other Items:** Dr. Poston updated the Council on the proposal for MFA Health Insurance. Dr. Poston said that there is not currently a central budget for this. She said that she had presented information gathered that indicates that many peer and aspirational peers provide health insurance to MFA students to Provost Lobo. Dr. Poston recommended that a budget proposal be put in next year in support of central funding for health insurance coverage for MFA students. Dr. Petrosino recommended that an update on the current capital campaign be presented to the

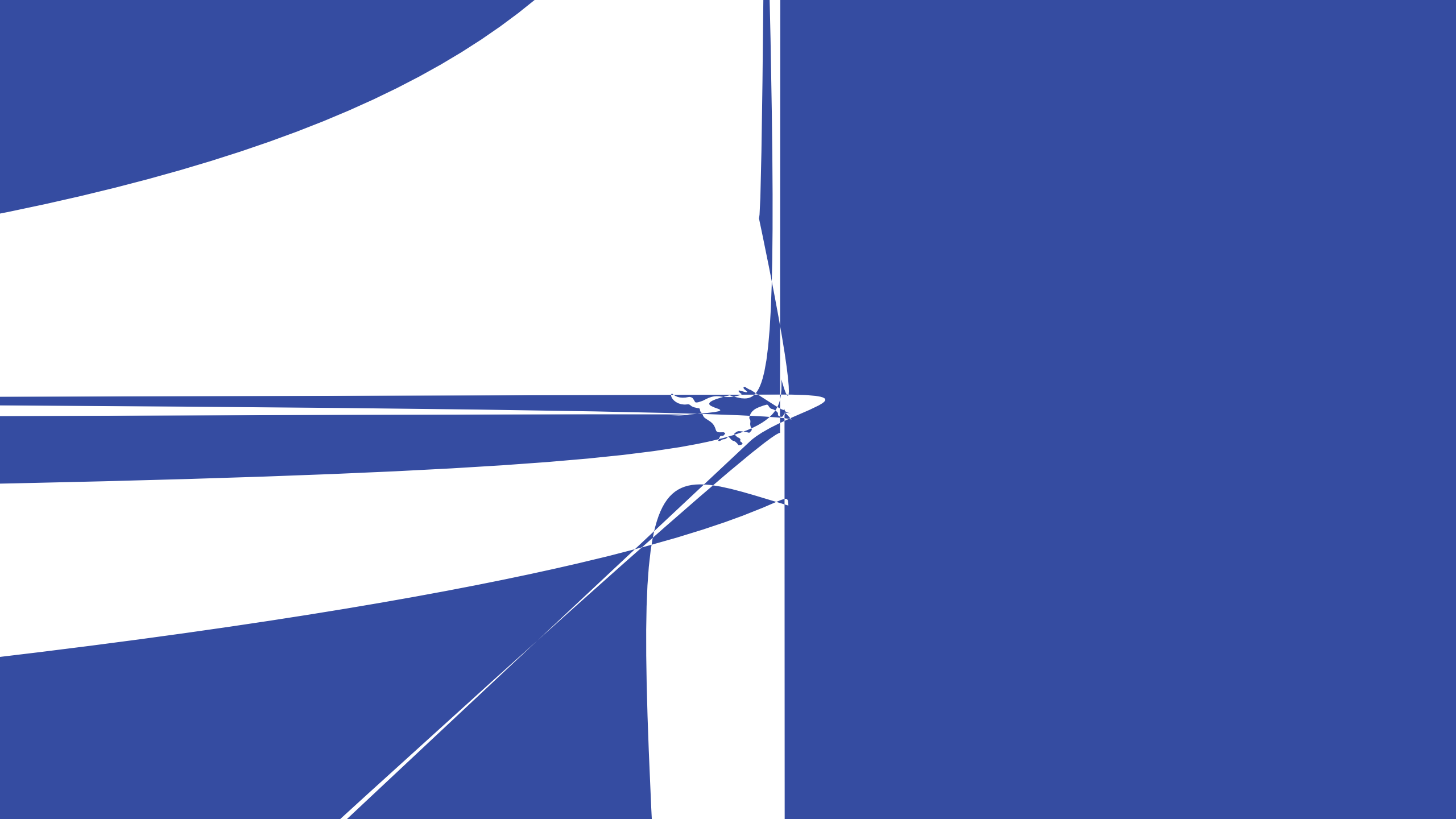


# Meeting Agenda

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1. Minutes of the November and December Meetings
2. SMU GO Policies Vote Results
3. Moody School Fellowship Review
4. Update from Graduate Appeals Task Force
5. Graduate Student Success Day
6. DPRs for Master's and Certificate Programs
7. Graduate Ass4 (s) JEMCID 6475A3EMC /002.004M8Oms

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# Vote Results

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» Moody Graduate, Mustang, and University PhD Fellowship nominations are due from departments and programs by Feb. 6.



# Update from Graduate Appeals Taskforce

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- » We are revising the appeal process based on input received from the Graduate Council, Provost Lobo, and others.
- » We are paying special attention to the composition of the final review committee.
- » We have gathered appeal policies from 7 schools– Notre Dame (aspirant), TCU (peer), Carnegie Mellon (aspirant), Baylor (peer), Northeastern (aspirant), Emory (aspirant), USC (aspirant)– and are comparing committee composition.
- » The taskforce will meet again to put together a revised draft of the policy and then present it to the Graduate Council.

















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» We are planning to have our first class of Faculty Fellows in 2023-2024

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# SACM Students

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- » SACM=Saudi Arabian Cultural Mission
- » Students with SACM fellowships are fully supported to study at US institutions in specific programs.
- » List of programs for SMU:  
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