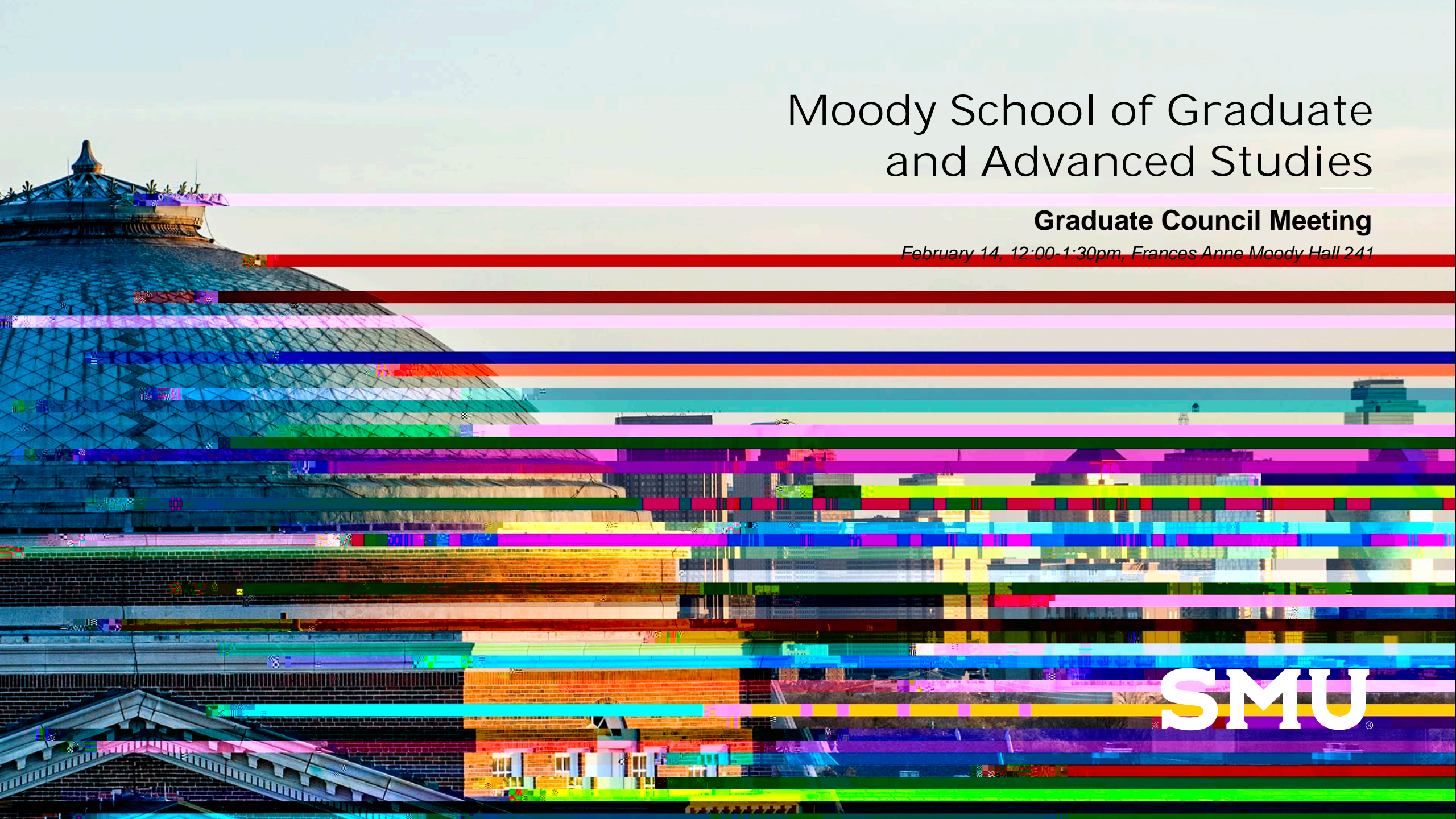


**Minutes of the Graduate Council  
February 14, 2024**

**Members in Attendance:**

**Members Not in Attendance:**





# Moody School of Graduate and Advanced Studies

## **Graduate Council Meeting**

*February 14, 12:00-1:30pm, Frances Anne Moody Hall 241*

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# Meeting Agenda

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1. Minutes of the January 24 Meeting
2. DPRs for Graduate Programs (with Bobby Lothringer and Joe Papari)
3. Grading for Research/Dissertation Courses (with Bobby Lothringer and Melissa





# Grading for Research/Dissertation Courses









# Rescheduling March Meeting

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- » The March Graduate Council meeting was originally scheduled during Spring Break
- » We would like to reschedule this meeting
- » Could we aim for the same weekday/time one week before or after? Is there another time that works well for everyone? Should we circulate a Doodle poll?



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- » The revised policy was unanimously approved (12-0) by the Graduate Council
  - » The current policy and other documents are available here:  
<https://smu.box.com/s/al7aazpe6m5ggbc44smfpbjtpmo46aem>
  - » Next steps:
    - »

# Moody Faculty Fellowship Proposal



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» We have revised the proposal for Moody Faculty Fellowship funds with input received at the last Graduate Council meeting:

- » Four Moody Outstanding Mentor Awards will be awarded each year, selected for their outstanding mentorship of graduate students and/or postdoctoral scholars
- » Moody Outstanding Mentors will receive a \$10,000 fund to cover research-related expenses for graduate students and postdocs under their mentorship that must be used within the fellowship year
- » Each department will be able to nominate one faculty member each year
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# Doctoral Hooding



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- » Currently, Ph.D., D.Eng., Ed.D., and D.L.S. recipients are honored at the Moody School dinner the evening before the all-University Commencement, and then they are hooded by their advisor on stage at the all-University commencement ceremony.
- » We would like to try to offer a doctoral hooding ceremony the Friday before the all-University Commencement
- » This event would replace the dinner and the hooding at the all-University Commencement ceremony
- » Some possibilities for the ceremony:
  - » Short statements from the student and advisor could appear in the program and on a screen
  - » A reception would be held afterwards
  - » The event could start with remarks from a speaker
  - » One student could be selected to give a short valedictory speech
  - » The fall event could be held in the Moody Hall Auditorium, but the spring event would need to be held elsewhere, perhaps on the lawn under a tent

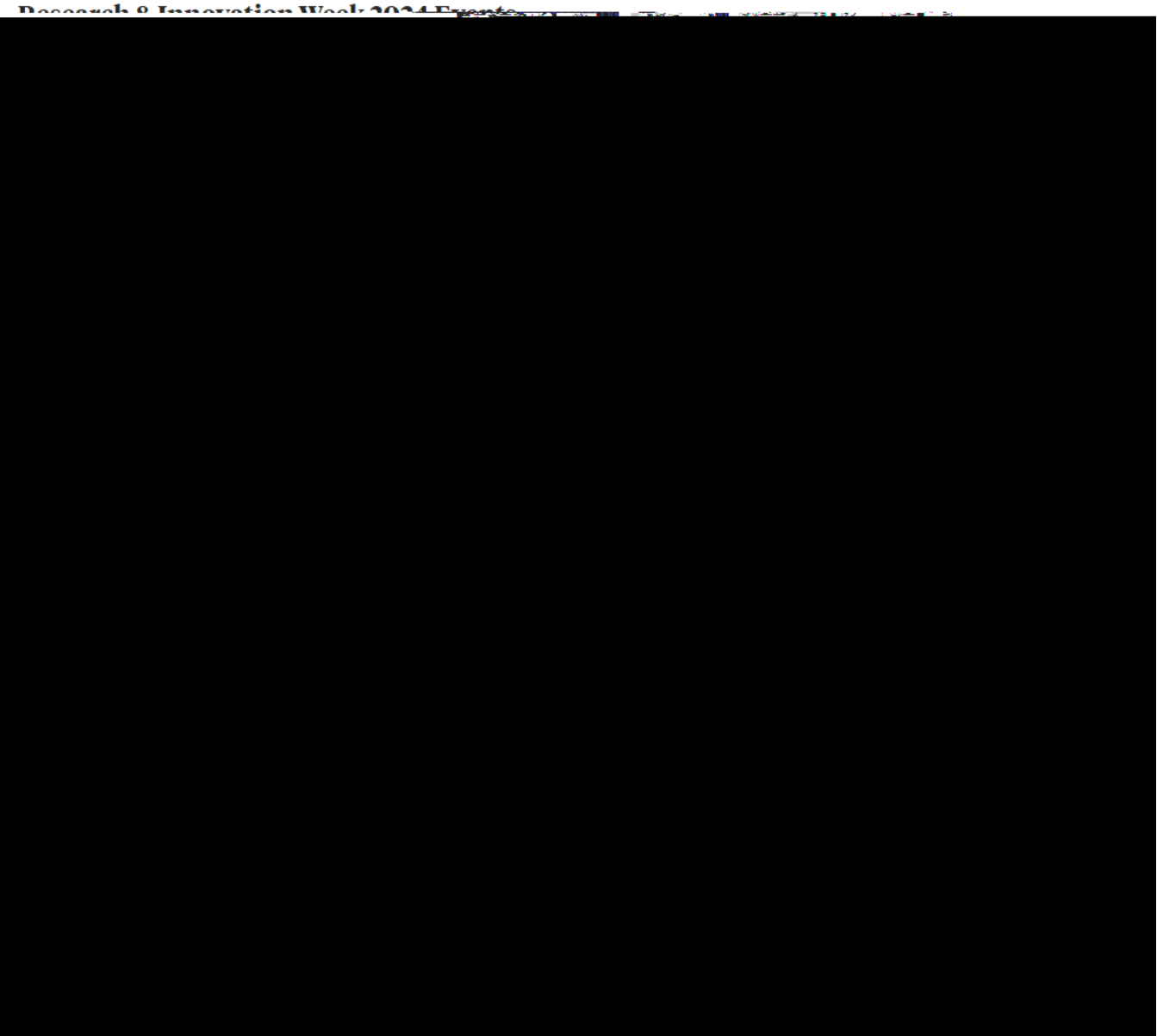


# Research & Innovation Week 2024



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» Events will take place April 1-5

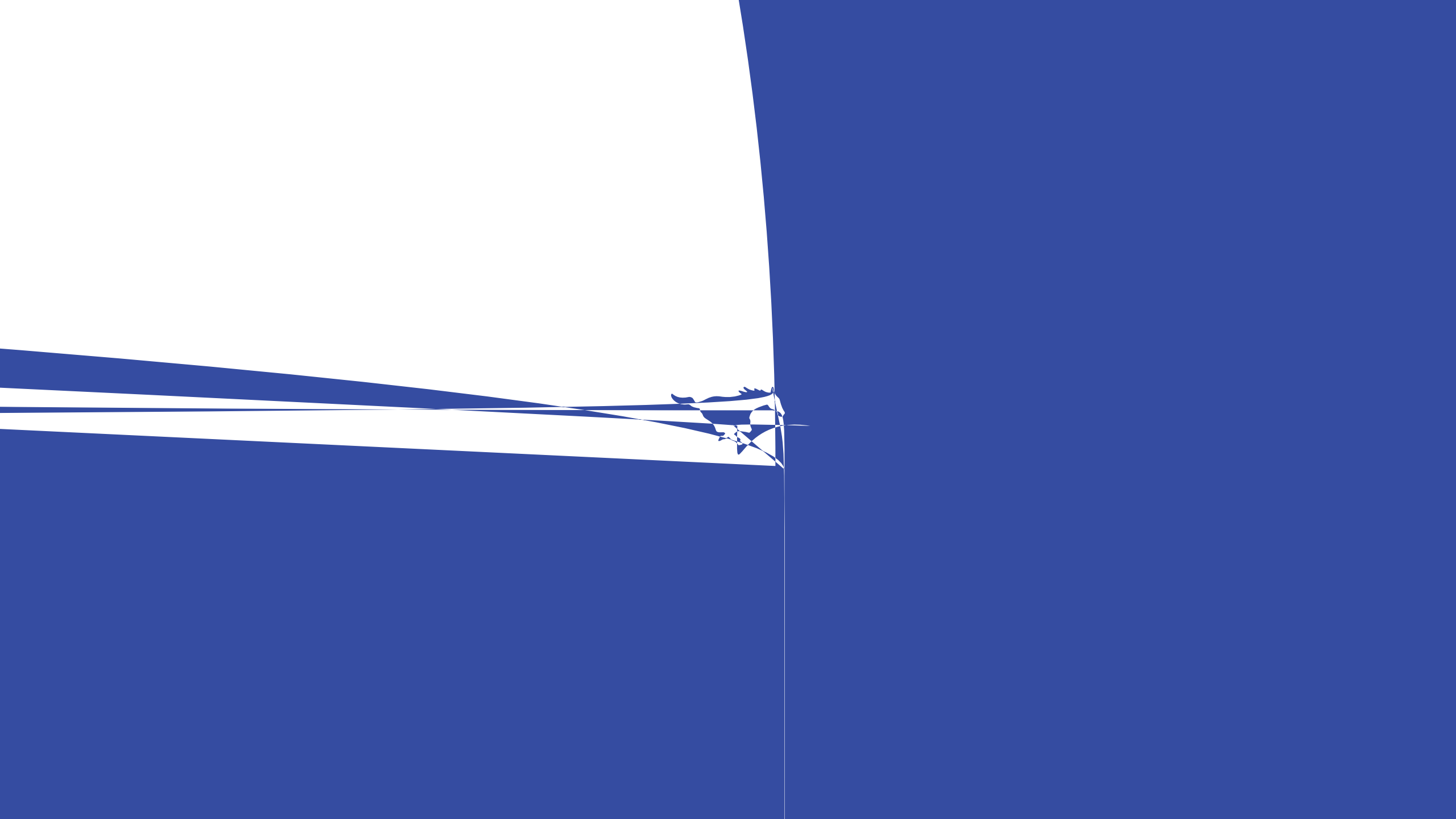
» Ways that you can help:

» Encourage students to participate in the poster sessions

» Encourage faculty to serve as judges for the poster sessions

» Encourage colleagues to come out for the keynote

» Suggest departmental events that can be promoted as part of Research & Innovation Week





# Annual Progress Reports for PhD Students

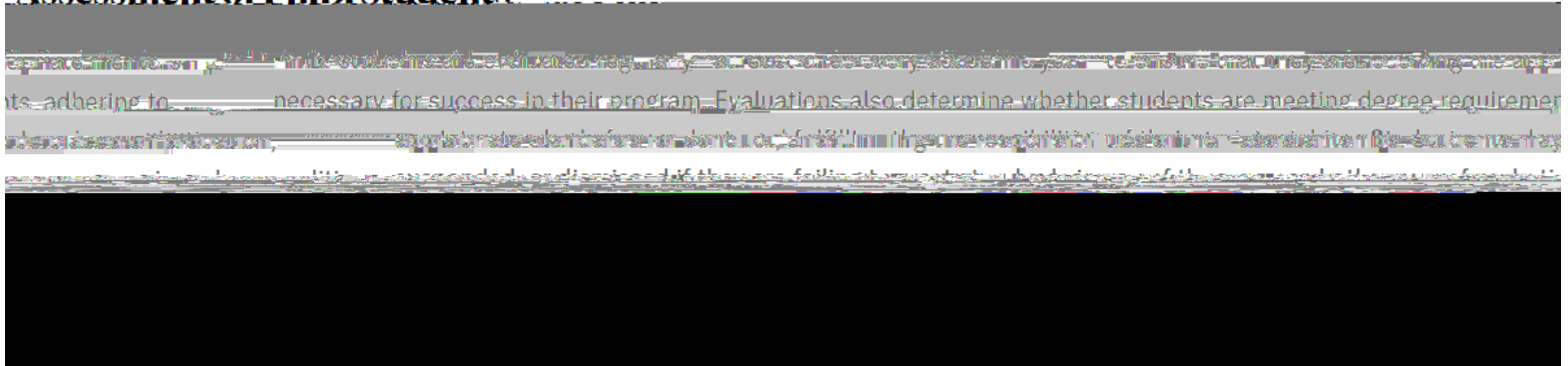


# Annual Progress Reports for Moody School Students

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- The question has come up, “what are SMU’s requirements with regards to annual review of PhD students?”
- A few cases have come up where it would have been helpful to have annual progress report documentation in the Moody School
- MFA students are also assessed annually. Should a policy apply to them as well?
- Current graduate catalog policy:

## Assessment of Ph.D. Students



# Other Items





Thank you!

