

Graduate Studies Committee Report – June 2022

The Graduate Studies Committee met from 11:30 AM to 12:30 PM on June 3, 2022.

The primary focus of the meeting was to elect a Chair for the upcoming year. The Committee unanimously elected Mary Ellen Roberts and Minsun Lee to serve as Co-Chairs. Committee construction will be addressed by the Co-Chairs upon the start of the new academic year.

The Committee also discussed the letter we sent to the Provost to offer our guidance on the administration of graduate recruitment, marketing, and related issues. The Senate EC has sent the letter, and the Provost has received it. The Provost responded that she will be looking closely at graduate issues this summer. Though a Committee meeting during the summer would be unlikely, several members offered to make themselves available to discuss our letter with the Provost, should she wish such a conversation, in order to maintain whatever momentum might exist for addressing the concerns of graduate education. Also, the Committee will work with the Provost to arrange a formal meeting with the Committee in the Fall.

The Committee was informed of a Provost Office decision to delist a current APSA suspended graduate program from the catalog, further blurring the line between what is meant by suspending a program from what is meant by eliminating a program. This issue will be reported to the Senate Ad Hoc Committee on APSA/IPAD.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Corrigan, GSC Chair