

# Graduate Council Member

The Graduate Faculty by-laws define the mission of the Graduate Council as:

- To provide a forum to review, develop, and make recommendations concerning Graduate School policy
- Serve in advisory capacity to the Dean of the Graduate School in all matters pertaining to graduate education.

To do this effectively, council members have to represent the interests of graduate education as a whole and not just their specific programs. The obligations of council members go beyond attending meetings.

Before each meeting, please

- Carefully review proposals and other materials
- Consult with colleagues and students about agenda items
- Notify Annette Parks if you will not be able to attend the meeting and then contact your alternate

Between meetings, please

- Share information, especially the rationale for Council decisions.
- Seek information. Bring to the Council the concerns of your colleagues and students.
- Keep informed about graduate education, both in the U.S. and around the world.

The Council of Graduate Schools suggests the following as important functions of the Graduate School, and we enlist the help of the Graduate Council on all of them:

- Articulate a vision of excellence for the graduate community
- Provide quality control for all aspects of graduate education
- Maintain equitable standards across all academic disciplines
- Define what graduate education is and what it is not
- Bring an institution-wide perspective to all post baccalaureate endeavors
- Provide an interdisciplinary perspective
- Enhance the intellectual community of scholars among both graduate students and faculty
- Serve as an advocate for graduate education
- Emphasize the importance of adequately training future college and university teachers
- Develop ways for graduate education to contribute to and enhance undergraduate education
- Support graduate student services
- Serve as an advocate for issues and constituencies critical to the success of graduate programs

Resources:

By Laws of the Graduate Faculty: <http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/faculty-and-staff/graduate-faculty>.

Graduate Council web page: <http://graduateschool.uncc.edu/faculty-and-staff/faculty-and-staff/graduate-council>