

Protocol 1045 Graduate Student Council

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Protocol

The Graduate Student Council is a standing body that provides formal feedback to GSSIMR leadership on matters of interest to students. The Graduate Student Council incorporates existing representatives from other GSSIMR committees plus an elected chairperson. Students serving on the following committees are members of the group.

- Academic Progression Committee member (1)
- Admissions Committee members (2)
- Crossroads graduate student representatives (3-5)
- Curriculum Committee member (1)
- Strategic Planning Committee members (2)

The chairperson is elected by the students. The chair can be one of the student representatives or someone not serving as a committee representative. The chair will be elected during the fall meeting of the students and will serve a one-year term with an option to be elected for a second year. The immediate past chair will serve as an advisor during the fall following the end of their term. The chair will be responsible for working with GSSIMR staff to schedule the meetings and will conduct all meetings of the group.

Graduate Student Council Actions

- Meet with the students prior to the Leadership Meetings to discuss issues and concerns, receive feedback, and communicate information and updates from GSSIMR.
- Formally meet with the President, Dean, Vice Dean, and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs for Leadership Meetings at the conclusion of the Fall and Spring terms.
- Serve as liaisons between students and GSSIMR when necessary.

Leadership Meetings

The Leadership Meetings include the chair and representatives of the Graduate Student Council plus the President, Dean, Vice Dean, and Assistant Dean for Student Affairs. A GSSIMR staff member attends to take minutes of the meeting. The meeting agendas will be constructed to meet the meeting's objectives to disseminate information among the students and provide formal feedback to the administration:

1. *Committee members will provide short reports/updates from their respective roles.*
2. *GSSIMR leadership will provide short updates on any aspect of GSSIMR administration/policy.*
3. *Committee members will provide feedback to leadership on these and any other matters of interest.*