GRADUATE COUNCIL

Chairperson: Senior Vice Provost to continue to serve as chair until a formal head of graduate education (whether an Associate Provost, VP, Director) who also sits on the Provosts’ Council is appointed.

Vice Chair: A member selected by the committee

Voting Members:

1. Senior Vice Provost
2. or the head of graduate education
3. Unit directors/Chairs with graduate programs or faculty designees selected by their respective unit leader.

Non-voting Members:

One decanal representative from a college with graduate programs will serve as One decanal representative from a each college with graduate programs will serve *ex officio* (non-voting) member.

4. Director of Graduate Admissions

Terms:

Unit directors and chairs shall serve on the Council for the length of their terms as unit leaders (discretion of their deans). Faculty representative designees shall serve at the discretion of their unit leaders. Terms for unit directors and faculty designees are at the discretion of their unit leaders or deans.

Purpose:

To support and coordinate graduate education to ensure the quality and integrity of Loyola University’s graduate programs.

Mission and Vision Statement for Graduate Education:

Grounded in Ignatian values, the mission of graduate education at Loyola University New Orleans is to develop dynamic leaders who think critically and globally and act with professional competence and integrity to enrich their communities.

Duties:

1. Review graduate degree programs, and associated curricular and course proposals (including credit-bearing certificate courses/programs) and conduct periodic program evaluations.
2. Recommend and provide oversight of general academic and administrative policies (including admission, progression and degree-certification policies) that govern all graduate programs and ensure that they are promulgated in appropriate university publications.

3. Advocate for support of graduate education.

4. Maintain and expand graduate programs in areas consistent with Loyola’s mission and goals.

5. Enhance communication and coordination for graduate programs and share best practices.

6. Improve graduate student recruitment and retention by advocating for:
   a. Adequate resources for promotion of and infrastructure for Loyola’s graduate programs
   b. Funding for graduate assistantships and scholarships
   c. Increased graduate student access to University facilities and services
   d. Student and faculty professional development

7. Gather information and make reports and recommendations annually to the Provost’s Council regarding graduate education.

8. Develop, implement, and review the strategic agenda and action strategies on an ongoing basis.

9. Sponsor annual open houses and graduate poster research symposia.

10. Serve as selection committee for the Ignatian Outstanding Graduate Student Award, which is presented each spring at the Baccalaureate Mass.

11. Benchmark best practices of graduate programs at peer and aspirational schools to continuously improve the graduate education at Loyola.

12. The Graduate Council reports to the Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs.

13. The Graduate Council will meet once per month during the academic year, or as directed by the chairperson.
STANDING COMMITTEE ON THE LOYOLA CORE

Chairperson: A member selected by the committee
Secretary: Appointed by the Provost

Voting Members:
1. Two Ordinary Faculty members from the Humanities divisional faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences
2. Two Ordinary Faculty members from the Natural Sciences divisional faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences
3. Two Ordinary Faculty members from the Social Sciences divisional faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences
4. One Ordinary Faculty member from departments and programs representing the non-traditional/evening programs from the College of Arts and Sciences or the College of Nursing and Health
5. One Ordinary Faculty member from the College of Music and Fine Arts
6. One Ordinary Faculty member from the College of Business
7. One Ordinary Faculty member from the University Library
8. One faculty member from the Loyola Jesuit Community

Non-voting Members:
1. One representative from the Deans’ Council
2. One Student Government Association representative

Terms: