Shared Governance Bodies: Roles & Expectations

The Statutes of the SIU Board of Trustees have established a system of shared governance, whereby the oversight for the policies, quality, and rigor of SIUE’s graduate programs are delegated to members of the Graduate Council as agents for the Graduate Faculty. The below subcommittees of the Graduate Council each have established functions in ensuring the academic quality of graduate programs, though it is important to note that these functions may have overlapping areas. Each subcommittee is empowered to draw upon their collective experiences and faculty expertise to discuss concerns or questions with academic program leadership and with other subcommittees when appropriate. Expectations for members of all subcommittees as they execute their charge include the following.

- Prepare for each meeting by reviewing the agenda and supporting materials made available by the Graduate School
- Attend each meeting, contacting the Graduate School in advance if unable to attend
- Participate in an informed, thorough, and balanced inquiry of all proposals and reviews
- Make recommendations and cast votes that uphold graduate program quality, maintain academic rigor, and support future success of graduate programs
- As a representative of the Graduate Faculty, on some issues, you may need to seek input from your constituent Graduate Faculty and report out Graduate Council activity as appropriate.

---

**Gradaute Council**
- Oversight for the policies, quality, and rigor of graduate programs

**Programs Committee**
- Review of program changes, including additions, modifications, and moratoria
- Rating of programs during program review cycle

**Program Review Teams**
- Reviews program assessment plans and reports in alignment with program review cycle

**Education & Research Policies**
- Review of policies that concern graduate courses, programs, students, and faculty

**Graduate Committee on Assessment**
- Evaluate status of academic programs through review of self-study documents and data collection
- Compose summary report and present to Programs Committee

**Graduate Course Review Committee**
- Review of course changes, including additions & modifications
- Evaluate course objectives to ensure alignment with graduate-level rigor