

Graduate Program Steering Committee (GPS)

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History: A 2012 review of the PhD graduate programs in the SOM produced a report outlining some of the important issues facing graduate education. The report included recommendations that would promote excellence in graduate education, better serve our students and prepare them for careers in science, while at the same time supporting graduate programs so they can thrive and excel. The report suggest creation of The Graduate Program Steering Committee (GPS) which would be responsible for implementing these recommendations and for anticipating and planning for the future of all graduate programs in the SOM at OHSU. The committee was initially presented to Graduate Council in 2013.

Charge: The mission of the GPS is to ensure excellence in graduate education in the SOM at OHSU. Members are responsible for knowing the best practices and national data on education of graduate students, evaluating our application/matriculation/graduation data and for disseminating this data to graduate faculty and programs. Their responsibilities include selection and mentorship of program directors, as well as to review and create policies and programs that advance our educational mission and implement them with consent of Graduate Council.

Meeting Format: A generally informal agenda, without minutes but meetings are open to anyone wishing to be invited to attend. The committee will communicate regularly with Graduate Council.

Membership: The committee is comprised of members of the Graduate Faculty and administrative staff with demonstrated commitment to leadership of graduate education, and one student representative. We try to recruit a member not from a graduate program (for example to include a representative from the library or teaching support services). Members can be self-nominated or nominated by a graduate faculty member and will be approved by Graduate Council. Membership will be reviewed annually. The committee is chaired by the Associate Dean for Graduate Studies, and meets once a month.

Members	Department
Allison Fryer, PhD	Graduate Studies
Diane Stadler, PhD	Human Nutrition
Georgiana Purdy, PhD	Molecular Microbiology and Immunology
Jeffrey Miller	Graduate Studies
Kelly Monk, PhD	Vollum
Kristine Alpi, PhD	Library
Monica Hinds, PhD	Biomedical Engineering
Richard Goranflo, EdD	Graduate Studies
Robert Duvoisin, PhD	Chemical Physiology and Biochemistry
Tyler Chase	Human Nutrition