

Committee Charge

Review of the Role of Graduate Studies at WWU

The charge to the committee includes:

- Clearly articulate the purposes of graduate programs at the university.
- How large should the graduate sector of the university be as a goal?
- What types of programs, current and prospective, will the university encourage?
- What is the appropriate role of graduate students in the teaching and research missions of the university?
- What is the future of professional type doctoral programs such as CSD
- Should graduate programs have minimum degrees granted annually as a performance metric? If so, what minimum size should the university require?
- If we are to move toward the currently stated (or revised) ratio of graduate to undergraduate students, what strategies might be recommended to attain the targets?
- Possible innovative graduate programs that would distinguish Western from other NW universities.
- Free standing interdisciplinary graduate degrees.
- Qualifications and criteria for appointing graduate faculty.

The product of this committee will be a white paper with information that would help in the university-wide discussion. Moheb Ghali, Vice Provost for Research/Graduate Dean anticipates that input received as a result of that discussion during the fall quarter will serve as a basis for crafting a vision and formulating a long-range plan for graduate education at WWU.

The committee that will gather the data and prepare the white paper consists of:

Steve Sulkin, SPMC, Chair
Matthew Liao-Troth (Graduate Council, MBA Program)
Merrill Peterson (Biology, CST)
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