

Proposed Changes to CGSR

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Proposed Changes to CGSR – Membership Modification

- Modify membership
 - Maintain 9 members
 - Six Elected Faculty
 - One Graduate Student
 - Convert the representative of the Provost's Office to the Vice Provost for Research (*ex officio*)
 - Replace the Director of Continuing Education by the Dean of Graduate Studies (*ex officio*)

Proposed Changes to CGSR – Faculty Handbook Description

- Current Description:
 - *The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) consists of six elected Faculty Members, one graduate student, a representative of the Provost's Office, and, ex officio, the Director of Continuing Education.*
- Proposed Description:
 - *The Committee on Graduate Studies and Research (CGSR) consists of six elected Faculty Members, one graduate student, and two ex officio members: Vice Provost for Research and Dean of Graduate Studies.*

CGSR: Academic Oversight Structure

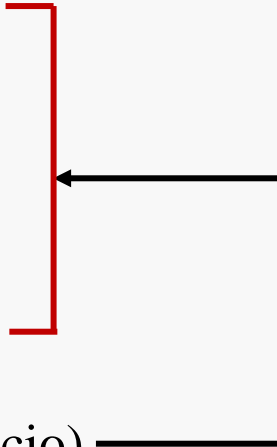
- Graduate Studies:

- Graduate programs and credits

- M.S. and Ph.D.
 - Full-time and Part-time
 - On-campus and Off-campus
 - On-line

- Under academic oversight

- Dean of Graduate Studies (ex officio)
 - Faculty membership
 - Graduate student membership

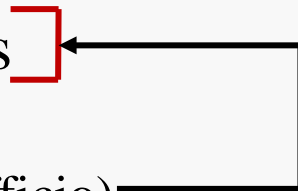


- Research:

- Relevant policies and practices

- Under academic oversight

- Vice Provost for Research (ex officio)
 - Faculty membership
 - Graduate student membership



CGSR: Communication/Inclusivity

- Admissions:
 - Director of Graduate Admissions
- Recruiting:
 - VP for Enrollment Management
 - Director of Graduate Admissions
 - Director of CPE
- Course Scheduling and Cataloging:
 - Registrar
 - Director of Academic Programs
- On-Line Program Delivery:
 - Assoc. CIO, Academic Tech Support (ATC)
 - Director of CPE
- Off-Campus Programs:
 - Director of CPE

Rationale

The current description of CGSR membership within the Faculty Handbook is out-of-date. When the description was last updated, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research was the *single* individual in the Provost Office responsible for overseeing *both* graduate studies and research at WPI. In that role, the Dean of Graduate Studies and Research typically served as the Provost's representative on CGSR. This single position in the Provost Office is now separated into two full-time positions: the Vice Provost for Research (VPR), and the Dean of Graduate Studies (DoGS). However, according to the Faculty Handbook, only one of the two could serve as a voting member of CGSR. In order to reflect this change in administrative responsibilities, the natural modification in CGSR's membership is to include both the VPR and the DoGS as voting members.

Rationale (cont.)

The current description of CGSR's responsibilities in the Faculty Handbook is as follows:

CGSR is concerned with all post-baccalaureate programs of the College, and reviews and recommends changes in WPI policies on goals, student recruitment, admissions, academic standards, teaching and research assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships. It also makes recommendations to the Faculty and Administration on new graduate programs and changes in programs and courses. The Committee acts on admission of graduate students to degree candidacy, dismissal for failure to meet academic standards, and student petitions on academic matters. It brings to the Faculty for action the names of students who it has determined are eligible for post-baccalaureate degrees. The Committee reviews and recommends changes in policy on the funding, promotion, and conduct of research at WPI.

These issues continue to be central to the interests of the Faculty at WPI and should fall well within the responsibilities of the Dean of Graduate Studies and the VPR. The proposed modification to the CGSR composition is consistent with this portfolio, while it includes multiple important viewpoints on decisions and maintains the current committee size and balance between elected faculty committee-members and non-elected committee-members. Naturally, CGSR will continue its practice of inviting key stakeholders, including representatives from Corporate and Professional Education, to meetings when issues requiring their specific areas of expertise are discussed.