Responsibilities of the Graduate Student Advisory Council and Procedure for Electing the Council.

**Graduate Student Advisory Council Responsibilities**

The Graduate Student Advisory Council meets with the Department Chair on matters of interest and concern to the Department. The three-member Council provides input to the Chair on matters of concern to graduate students. The Chair also consults the Graduate Student Advisory Council.

**Election of the Graduate Advisory Council**

1. By the last COMMGrads meeting of the year, the COMMGrads President shall announce the election of the Graduate Student Advisory Council.

2. All graduate students in good standing are eligible to serve on the Council. Prior to the vote, the COMMGrads Board Members will recruit a slate of candidates for the election by soliciting nominees from all graduate students. Self-nominations are welcome.

3. All graduate students present at the meeting can vote for the Council members. The election may also be conducted electronically if the COMMGrads Board Members agree to do so. Regardless of whether the election occurs in-person or electronically, it must be conducted confidentially (i.e., via secret ballot or an anonymous survey).

4. If more than three students are on the slate of candidates, the three candidates with the most votes will be elected to the Graduate Advisory Council to serve a one-year term (fall semester to spring semester of the following year).