MANDATE

The Graduate Student Life Advisory Group has been jointly established by the Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and the Vice-Provost and Dean of Student Affairs. The membership of the Group is charged with advising the VP/Deans on programs and practices that impact the graduate student experience, with the broader goal of enhancing the health, wellness, safety, and academic success of graduate students at Queen’s. The Group will identify, review, and advise on priority issues not dealt with elsewhere at the University and, on an annual basis, will mobilize initiatives to address select priorities to improve graduate life.

Broadly, the Group will discuss programs and practices that seek to enhance

- the quality of services to graduate students, including housing, social opportunities, and recreational opportunities (includes ease of navigating University systems).
- learning support services and academic success, including transition to graduate studies as well as mental health and wellness of graduate students.
- professional development and employment skill-building opportunities (e.g. internships and other experiential learning), career supports, and job opportunities (e.g. job fairs, industry partnerships) for graduate students transitioning from university into the labour force.

The Advisory Group mandate shall not duplicate the mandates of existing committees or sub-committees including the Mental Health Working Group, the Graduate Sub-Committee of the Mental Health Working Group, the Community Housing Board, and the Senate Residence Committee or any of its standing sub-committees. Rather, the Advisory Group will be informed by the work of these related University committees and groups and will bring unique knowledge and perspectives that serve to identify needs and issues of relevance to graduate students at Queen’s.

PROPOSED MEMBERSHIP

The members of the Advisory Group will be jointly selected and invited by the Vice-Provost and Dean of Graduate Studies and the Vice-Provost and Dean of Student Affairs.

Co-Chairs
VP/Dean of Graduate Studies designate – Associate Dean
VP/Dean of Student Affairs designate – Assistant Dean (Student Life and Learning)

International Centre, Director or designate
Career Services, Director or designate
Student Academic Success Services, Director or designate
Student Services and Community Relations, Coordinator
School of Graduate Studies, Coordinator of Recruitment Activities
Society for Graduate/Professional Students (SGPS), Vice-President Graduate
SGPS, International Student Affairs Commissioner
SGPS, Social Commissioner
SGPS, Executive Director or designate
Graduate student-at-large

OPERATION

The Advisory Group will meet at least twice in the fall term, twice in the winter term, and once in the spring term. Meeting dates and times will be organized by the Offices of the Vice-Provost/Dean of Graduate Studies. Agenda items and issues for discussion may be proposed by any member of the Group. For specific issues or tasks, the Group may create adhoc working sub-groups and/or seek out the expertise of and consult with relevant campus and community members.

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