

Shared Governance Bodies: Roles & Expectations

The Statutes of the SIU Board of Trustees have established a system of shared governance, whereby the oversight for the policies, quality, and rigor of SIUE's graduate programs are delegated to members of the Graduate Council as agents for the Graduate Faculty. The below subcommittees of the Graduate Council each have established functions in ensuring the academic quality of graduate programs, though it is important to note that these functions may have overlapping areas. Each subcommittee is empowered draw upon their collective experiences and faculty expertise to discuss concerns or questions with academic program leadership and with other subcommittees when appropriate. Expectations for members of all subcommittees as they execute their charge include the following.

- Prepare for each meeting by reviewing the agenda and supporting materials made available by the Graduate School
- Attend each meeting, contacting the Graduate School in advance if unable to attend
- Participate in an informed, thorough, and balanced inquiry of all proposals and reviews
- Make recommendations and cast votes that uphold graduate program quality, maintain academic rigor, and support future success of graduate programs
- As a representative of the Graduate Faculty, on some issues, you may need to seek input from your constituent Graduate Faculty and report out Graduate Council activity as appropriate.

