

Commission on Graduate and Professional Studies and Policies

2023-2024 Members

Charge: To study, formulate, and recommend to the Faculty Senate policies and procedures concerning graduate and professional academic matters. Areas for consideration include admissions, academic progress, degree requirements, commencement; registration and scheduling; graduate curricular standards and expectations, advising, and instruction, both of and by graduate students; research involving graduate students; financial assistance including assistantships, scholarships, and fellowships; the graduate and professional honor systems, including approval of changes to the Graduate Honor Codes; and library resources.

Chair elected by the Faculty Senate

Montasir Abbas	Chair	2024
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Ex Officio

Aimée Surprenant	Dean for Graduate Education	ex officio
Rachel Holloway	Vice Provost for Undergraduate Academic Affairs	ex officio
Tyler Walters	Dean of University Libraries	ex officio

One dean selected by Council of College Deans

Tom Ewing	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2024
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One representative of the off-campus centers appointed by the Dean of the Graduate School

Scott Weimer	Center for Organizational and Technological Advancement	2024
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Two faculty senators elected by Faculty Senate

Jerald Walz	Agricultural, Leadership and Community Education	2026
Carolyn Commer	English Department	2025

Faculty representatives from each of the academic colleges elected by the faculty in each college

Renee LeClair	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2026
Kwok Tsang	Science	2026
Irving Coy Allen	Veterinary Medicine	2024
Paul Emmons	Architecture, Arts, and Design	2025
Sattar Mansi	Business	2025
Nancy Bradley	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2025
Chip Frazier	Natural Resources and Environment	2024
Joseph Eifert	Agriculture and Life Sciences	2024

Mary Kasarda	Engineering	2025
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One tenure-track faculty member from the Greater Washington, D.C. Metro Area Campus appointed by the Executive Vice President and Provost

Christina DiMarino	Electrical and Computer Engineering	2024
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One representative from the Library Faculty Association elected by the Library Faculty Association

Lisa Becksford	University Libraries	2025
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One staff senator elected by Staff Senate

Zai Cook	Architecture Arts and Design	2026
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One non-ex officio A/P faculty representative elected by the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

Robert Emmett	Cranwell International Center	2024
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Chair of the Graduate Honor System (By virtue of position)

Rose McGroarty	Chair of the Graduate Honor System	2024
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Two graduate and professional student senators elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Charly Hartle	Entomology	2024
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Tarisa Ross	Geosciences	2024
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One undergraduate student senator elected by the Undergraduate Student Senate

Katelyn Steide	Criminology	2024
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