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## **Office of Graduate Education**

The Office of Graduate Education (OGE) provides leadership and support for graduate education and advocates on behalf of graduate students and programs at the University of Denver. Under the direction of the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education, the OGE partners with deans, academic units and University governance to ensure excellence and integrity in educational programs and curricula. The OGE facilitates the development of new degree programs at the graduate level, oversees processes to ensure the quality of graduate and credential programs, acts as an advisory resource to programs initiating or transforming their academic programs, and ensures the University is in compliance with all federal, state, and university policies related to graduate education. On behalf of the Provost and working in consultation with the Graduate Council, the office is responsible for the authorship and oversight of graduate policy.

## **Graduate Council**

The Vice Provost and the Graduate Council are charged with the responsibility of reviewing, formulating, and implementing policy concerning graduate education.

### **Composition**

Council membership includes the Vice Provost for Research and Graduate Education, all of the academic deans from units with graduate programs, an elected faculty representative from each division, two elected representatives from the Faculty Senate and two representatives of the Graduate Student Government.

Administrators such as the Registrar, the Dean of the Library, the Vice Chancellor for University Technology Services, the Chair of the Undergraduate Council, the Vice Provost for Research and the Vice Provost for Internationalization serve *ex officio* and participate in the Committee’s proceedings as voting members.

### **Responsibilities**

The Graduate Council shall oversee the configuration of graduate degree and certificate programs, monitor the degree to which these programs further the University’s mission, avoid unwarranted program duplication, and establish, monitor and maintain academic standards across the graduate curricula. The Council shall recommend policies including, but not limited to, the structure and quality of the graduate curricula; procedures concerning graduate student appeals; and policies governing the initiation and termination of graduate degree programs.