

**University Faculty Senate  
Graduate Academic Programs and Research Committee  
Presented at: 188<sup>th</sup> Spring Plenary**

**Committee Charge**

The Committee serves as a source of professional advice and guidance to the Senate on matters relating to the quality, operation, and encouragement of graduate programs and research. To these ends, the committee may be concerned with the procedures, criteria, and support of existing and new graduate programs within the University. The Committee may review and recommend policies and procedures relating to moral and ethical concerns of research and graduate studies and other matters involving support and furtherance of research and graduate studies within the University.

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**Committee Goals for 2020-21**

- Graduate Student Showcase at the Legislative Office Building.
- SUNY Virtual Research Day.
- Graduate Student Grant Writing Training Seminars.
- International Graduate Student Visas.
- Equity, Inclusion, and Diversity (EID) in Graduate Education.
- Living and Learning Through COVID.

**Committee meeting dates (include type of meeting):**

1/5/21 – Committee meeting to discuss agenda items and next steps

3/10/21 – Meeting with Lisa Raposo from SUNY to discuss available virtual platforms and possible formats for the planned SUNY-wide graduate research conference

4/13/21 – Committee meeting to discuss accomplishments since last plenary

**Committee accomplishments since previous UFS Plenary**

- SUNY Virtual Research Day.
  - The goal of this endeavor is to organize a SUNY-wide research conference wherein graduate students have the opportunity to present their research to a diverse audience of SUNY faculty and students. A subcommittee met with Lisa Raposo from SUNY to discuss available platforms for hosting such an event. Several possible platforms were proposed and it was also brought to the committee's attention that the SURC conference will employ one such platform. Our committee has been invited to attend SURC and assess the suitability of such a platform for our needs. The committee will subsequently focus on developing a conference format with the ultimate goal of scheduling the virtual research day for the Fall 2021 or Spring 2022 semester.
- Graduate Student Grant Writing Training Seminars.
  - The goal of this endeavor is to develop training webinars to help students write more competitive NIH grant proposals. Dr. Miguel Garcia-Diaz from Stony Brook University has recently recorded two instructional webinars for the F30 and F31 NIH fellowship programs, which were subsequently professionally edited and made available SUNY-wide.

**Requests to UFS Senators from committee:****Anticipated upcoming actions/accomplishments:**

- SUNY Virtual Research Day.
  - A subcommittee will attend SURC and ascertain the suitability of their virtual platform for the graduate SUNY virtual research conference planned for the Fall or Spring.