

**University Faculty Senate  
Graduate Academic Programs and Research Committee  
Martin Kaczocha  
190<sup>th</sup> Winter 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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**Summary of Committee Actions since Fall Plenary**

- SUNY Virtual Graduate Research Conference.
  - The committee's efforts are focused on organizing the first virtual SUNY-wide graduate research conference, which will be held on February 25th, 2022. Working with the SUNY Center for Professional Development, we have established a website wherein interested students can register and submit abstracts detailing their research or creative activities. The abstract submission deadline has just passed, and the conference has garnered significant interest as evidenced by the large number of abstracts submitted. The abstracts will be subsequently evaluated and a subset selected for oral presentations.
  
- Open Access, Article Processing Charges, and the Impact on Research Publishing.
  - The committee met with Mark McBride to discuss SUNY's continuing efforts to encourage and support Open Access publishing. We had productive discussions outlining how our committee and SUNY should continue working together to advance Open Access publishing.

**Requests to UFS Senators from committee:**