Council on Graduate Education

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Graduate education and graduate research are among the most important functions of South Dakota Mines. They constitute an important element of the vitality of scholarly inquiry and intellectual achievement in the university. An important responsibility for all matters pertaining to graduate education and graduate research rests with the faculty. To provide for an important mechanism for the faculty to create, foster and maintain graduate education and graduate research programs of high quality and accomplishment the Council of Graduate Education is formed to:

A. Advise the Graduate Dean on all matters pertaining to graduate education,
B. Establish and revise policies of graduate education,
C. Review and approve/disapprove of proposed graduate programs, courses, and revisions,
D. Review student applications for fellowships and scholarships sponsored by the Graduate Office and decide on awards.
E. Conduct strategic planning for graduate education.

Graduate level curricula developments proposed by departments will be submitted to the Council of Graduate Education (CGE) for review and appropriate endorsement for consideration by the Faculty Senate. Policies of graduate education approved by the CGE will be reported to the Faculty Senate.

The Chairperson of the Council of Graduate Education shall be the Dean of Graduate Education. The Chair of the CGE shall report the results of the CGE recommendations on graduate education curricula, courses, and programs to the Curriculum Committee, and subsequent consideration by the Faculty Senate, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs. The Chair of the CGE shall report CGE policy recommendations directly to the Faculty Senate for their consideration, and subsequent consideration of the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs.

The membership of the Council of Graduate Education shall consist of voting representatives from each department with a graduate program. Departments with one, two or more graduate programs will have one representative. Each interdisciplinary and/or interdepartmental graduate program shall also have one voting representative. Representatives are to be selected by each Department or Program. Departments that do not have graduate programs may appoint non-voting representatives.

Membership

- Xinhua Bai (Physics)
- Bret Lingwall (Civil and Environmental Engineering)
- Grant Crawford (Biomedical Engineering)
- Jon Kellar (Materials and Metallurgical Engineering)
- Robert Hall (Mining Engineering and Management)
- Darren Clabo (Atmospheric Sciences)
- Jeff Woldstad (Industrial Engineering and Engineering Management)
- Travis Walker (Chemical and Biological Engineering)
- Albert Romkes (Mechanical Engineering)
- Foster Sawyer (Geology and Geological Engineering)
- Christer Karlsson (Computer Science and Engineering)
- Robert Anderson (Nanoscience and Nanoengineering)
- Shankarakchary Ragi (Electrical Engineering)
- Alevtina Smirnova (Chemistry Biology and Health Sciences non-voting member)

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