

The Graduate Council is the advisory group within The Graduate College. The Graduate Council governs the policies of The Graduate College, and these policies are administered by the graduate dean.

Function

The Graduate Council recommends Graduate College policies to the Dean of The Graduate College, who in turn administers the policies or submits recommendations to the Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs and the President's Cabinet. The Graduate Council also reviews standards for admissions, retention, and enrollment patterns, in concurrence with the dean. The Graduate Council also approves membership standards for graduate faculty.

Membership

The dean of The Graduate College serves as the chair of the Graduate Council. The Graduate Council consists of one voting representative of each department/school offering a graduate degree, all doctoral program directors, and two master's students and one doctoral student. The student representatives rotate on a semester-by-semester basis among programs. Department/school representatives serve a three-year term and are appointed by department chairs/school directors. Ex-officio members include the President, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs, the University Registrar, and the Vice President of Student Success, or their designees.

Membership for the current catalog year is as follows:

Code	Title	Hours
	Andrea Golato, Dean, The Graduate College, Chair	
	Bahram Asiabanpour, Professor, Ingram School of Engineering (R)	
	Drea Brown, Assistant Professor, English (2025-2028) (R)	
	Catherine Cherrstrom, Associate Professor, Organization, Workforce, and Leadership Studies (2025-2028) (R)	
	Yao-Yu Chih, Associate Professor, Finance and Economics (2023-2026) (R)	
	Stacey Cropley, Clinical Associate Professor, St. David's School of Nursing (2023-2026) (R)	
	Anthony Cross, Assistant Professor, Philosophy (2023-2026) (R)	
	Agustin Cuadrado, Professor, World Languages and Literatures (2023-2026) (R)	
	Sara Damiano, Associate Professor, History (2025-2028) (R)	
	Stephen Deringer, Associate Professor, Health and Human Performance (2023-2026) (R)	
	Cheri Prough DeVol, Professor, Theatre, Dance, and Film (2026-2029) (R)	
	David Dietrich, Associate Professor, Sociology (2025-2028) (R)	
	Ravindranath Droopad, Professor, Ingram School of Engineering (2026-2029) (R)	
	Joshua Duttweiler, Assistant Professor, Art and Design (2025-2028) (R)	
	Kristen Farris, Associate Professor, Communication Studies (2026-2029) (R)	
	Carlton Fong, Associate Professor, Curriculum and Instruction (R)	
	Christine Gray, Associate Professor, Family and Consumer Sciences (2025-2028) (R)	
	Paul Hart, Professor, International Studies (2026-2029) (R)	

Vanessa Higgins Joyce, Professor, Journalism and Mass Communication (2023-2026) (R)

Paul Jantz, Associate Professor, Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, and School Psychology (2023-2026) (R)

Chang Ji, Associate Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry (2025-2028) (R)

Shayne Jones, Professor, Criminal Justice and Criminology (R)

Sean Kerwin, Professor, Materials Science, Engineering and Commercialization (R)

Injeong Jo, Professor, Geography and Environmental Studies (R)

Meysam Khaleghian, Associate Professor, Engineering Technology (R)

Clarena Larrotta, Professor, Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, and School Psychology (R)

Kim Lee, Associate Professor of Practice, Health Administration (2024 – 2027) (R)

Soon-Jae Lee, Professor, Engineering Technology (2023-2026) (R)

David Lemke, Professor, Biology (2025-2028) (R)

Karen Lewis, Professor, Chemistry and Biochemistry (R)

Kasey Martin, Associate Professor, Accounting (2023-2026) (R)

Jason Martina, Assistant Professor, Biology (R)

Melissa Martinez, Professor, Counseling, Leadership, Adult Education, and School Psychology (R)

Yoichi Miyahara, Assistant Professor, Physics (2026-2029) (R)

Ranjini Mohan, Associate Professor, Communication Disorders (2025-2028) (R)

Anne Hee-Hiong Ngu, Professor, Computer Science (R)

Suzanna Okere, Clinical Associate Professor, Physical Therapy

Pratheesh Omana Sudhakaran, Associate Professor, Agricultural Sciences (2025-2028)

Greg Passty, Professor, Mathematics (2026-2029) (R)

Wuxu Peng, Professor, Computer Science (2023-2026) (R)

Indu Ramachandran, Associate Professor, Management (2026-2029) (R)

Nandhini Rangarajan, Professor, Political Science (2026-2029) (R)

Diego Vacaflores Rivero, Professor, Finance and Economics (2025-2028) (R)

Sean Roche, Associate Professor, Criminal Justice and Criminology (2023-2026) (R)

Chris Russian, Professor, Respiratory Care (2023-2026) (R)

Nico Schüler, University Distinguished Professor, Music (2023-2026) (R)

Jaymeen Shah, Professor, Information Systems and Analytics (2026-2029) (R)

Heather Smith, Associate Professor, Anthropology (2023-2026) (R)

Tracey Smith, Clinical Associate Professor, St. David's School of Nursing

Sharon Strickland, Professor, Mathematics (R)

Nicole Taylor, Associate Professor, Anthropology (R)

Anthony S. Torres, Professor, Engineering Technology (R)

Ray Treinen, Professor, Mathematics (R)

Susan Waite, Assistant Professor, Curriculum and Instruction (2025-2028) (R)

Feng Wang, Professor, Ingram School of Engineering (R)

Tiankai Wang, Professor, Health Information Management
(2025-2028) (R)

Katherine Warnell, Associate Professor, Psychology (2026-2029) (R)

Chelsey Wooten, Assistant Professor, Social Work (2025-2028) (R)

Gail Zank, Professor, Marketing (2023-2026) (R)

Ex Officio

Code	Title	Hours
	Pranesh Aswath, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs	(T)
	Kelly Damphousse, President, Texas State University	(T)
	Martha Fraire-Cuellar, University Registrar, University Registrar	(T)
	Cynthia Justice, Assistant Vice President, Student Affairs	(T)

The list of current Graduate Council members can be found on The Graduate College website (<https://www.gradcollege.txst.edu/faculty-staff/council.html>).