

Policies for the SNRS Graduate Committee (SNRS GRAD)

Mission Statement — The committee will discuss and make recommendations on issues related to the recruitment, retention, training, mentoring, and graduation of graduate students in the School of Natural Resource Sciences (SNRS).

Appointment Policies:

- Members are appointed to the committee by the SNRS Director for a 2 year term (no term limit).
- At least 2 members from each SNRS Program/Department will serve on the committee.
- If possible, up to 4 student representatives will serve on the committee. Representatives will be chosen to reflect the diversity of graduate students across SNRS. Final appointments will be made by the SNRS Director and representatives will serve a 1 year term (no term limit).
- A chair of the committee will be elected by the committee for a 2 year term (no term limit) and will also serve as the SNRS representative to the Graduate Leaders Meetings.
- One committee member will act as secretary.

Committee procedures:

- The committee will discuss and make recommendations based on the needs of faculty and graduate students. Recommendations will go to the full SNRS faculty or to individual programs for further discussion/implementation.
- As needed, the committee will also work with other groups/committees on issues of mutual interest. For example, the SNRS curriculum and assessment committee works directly on issues of curriculum so certain issues may be related to both curriculum and graduate students.
- The committee will have regular meetings (at least once a semester) and emails will be sent to discuss issues that may come up between meetings. If there are issues that arise between meetings all information should be directed to the chair.
- Meetings are open to all SNRS faculty.
- The committee has the ability to create subcommittees to accomplish specific tasks.
- The minutes from each meeting will be made freely available (e.g. posted to the Blackboard, emailed) for SNRS faculty and students.

Committee duties:

- Enhance coordination of graduate student related activities among the programs/departments so efficiencies are improved.

- Encourage interactions and cohesion among graduate students across SNRS. For example, by facilitating SNRS wide activities and events.
- Identify opportunities and possible integration of resources across the SNRS.
- Discuss ways to enhance programs and activities for the benefit of students and advisors.
- Collect and disseminate information about graduate training and mentoring to assist with the duties above.
- This committee will not be responsible for making decisions about the acceptance of individual graduate students. That duty will be left to each program, and each program will use their own pre-determined system to make those decisions.

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