

**Graduate Council Report to Board of Trustees Academic and Student Affairs Committee
September 22, 2021**

This report includes the activities of Graduate Council (GC) since our last report on June 23, 2021.

The GC Executive Committee met during the summer to set GC 2021-2022 Schedule, dates and meeting modes (Webex) for the Fall, meet with the Provost to discuss the Reimagining COGS Taskforce findings and the transition/plans for COGS organization and function, and the chance to interview and provide evaluations for candidates for the Vice Provost for Academic Administration and Faculty Affairs. GC would like to congratulate and extend welcome to the Vice Provost, Dr. LaFleur Small.

GCEC was not empowered by GC to review curriculum proposals over the summer. However, the Curriculum Committee has been populated and is working on the course modifications, new course proposals and program modifications that are in queue and should have a report for our next Council meeting. The Membership Committee chaired by Dr. Svetlana Beltyukova provided summary report of graduate faculty appointments approved over the summer for the 2020/2021 Council.

The GC has met twice this Fall: Sept 7 and 21. The topics for GC meetings included the updates from Acting Dean Thompson on COGS staffing and new initiatives, discussion on the proposal for year-long registration, an endorsement of the University vaccine requirement, and implications of RCM for COGS organization and function. On this last topic, to facilitate recommendations, the report and findings from the Reimagining COGS Taskforce were distributed to Council Members along with the Executive Summary Audit for COGS for comments. In addition, the GC unanimously approved a resolution to endorse the President's vaccine requirement. (Please see below.)

Respectfully submitted,
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UToledo Graduate Council Chair, 2021-2022

Graduate Council Resolution Endorsing the COVID-19 Vaccine Requirement

Whereas, maintaining a safe campus during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic remains a top priority;

Whereas, we continue to follow the guidance of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Ohio Department of Health and the Toledo-Lucas County Health Department;

Whereas, following the first COVID-19 vaccine receiving full approval from the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, the University of Toledo has implemented a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for all students and employees;

The Graduate Council hereby expresses its strong support of the vaccine requirement for all students, staff, and faculty at the University of Toledo, consistent with recommendations of medical advisory committees and endorsements by the University of Toledo Physicians group and the University of Toledo Faculty Senate.