

Commission on Graduate and Professional Student Affairs

2024-2025 Members

CHARGE: To study, formulate, and recommend to the Graduate and Professional Student Senate policies and procedures concerning graduate and professional student life and morale. Areas for consideration include working conditions for graduate assistants, graduate research assistants, and graduate teaching assistants; graduate and professional student relations with peers, staff, faculty, administrators, alumni, and the community; policy matters related to graduate and professional student conduct; graduate and professional student organizations, social life, and recreation; residential life; and graduate and professional student well-being.

Chair elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate

Rachel Maizel	Chair	2025
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Ex Officio (By virtue of position)

Aimée Surprenant	Dean of the Graduate School	ex officio
Mark Sikes	Dean of Students	ex officio
Rohsaan Settle	Interim Director of Student Conduct	ex officio
Tyler Walters	Dean of University Libraries	ex officio
Janice Austin	Associate Dean & Director of Admissions and Academic Progress	ex officio
Lauren Surface	Director of Student Services	ex officio
Barbara Hoopes	Interim Associate Dean of the Greater Washinton DC Metro Area	ex officio

One dean selected by the Council of College Deans

Lee Learman	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2026
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Nine graduate and professional student senators elected by the Graduate and Professional Student Senate (one per college)

Brenda Stanfill	Liberal Arts and Human Sciences	2025
Jiayuan Dong	Engineering	2025
Faizan Sabir	Science	2025
Merly Konathapally	Virginia Tech Carilion School of Medicine	2025
Charlotte Nyblade	Veterinary Medicine	2025
Beatrice Kyeremateng	Natural Resources and Environment	2025
Vacant	Architecture, Arts, and Design	2025
Vacant	Business	2025
Camille Block	Agriculture and Life Sciences	2025

One faculty Senator elected by the Faculty Senate

Alex Kinnaman	University Libraries	2025
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One administrative and professional faculty representative elected by the Administrative and Professional Faculty Senate

Gonzalo Ortiz	School of Plant and Environmental Sciences	2026
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One staff representative elected by the Staff Senate

Sally Shupe	Human Resources	2027
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One undergraduate student representative elected by the Undergraduate Student Senate

Vacant 2025

Two at-large student members from the CEOD (one graduate and professional student and one undergraduate student)(concurrent with terms on CEOD)

Vacant Undergraduate At-Large Student Member of CEOD 2025

Vacant Graduate and Professional At-Large Student Member of CEOD 2025