

FACULTY ROLES THAT FACE GRADUATE STUDENTS: WHO THEY ARE AND WHAT THEY DO

1. GRADUATE PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Formally: “The Graduate Program Committee evaluates graduate student progress on a regular basis, makes decisions on issues such as leave of absence and certification schedules, and entertains changes in graduate program practice or policy”.

The current GPC (Summer '22 through Spring '23) consists of **Feng Fu**, **Dimitris Giannakis**, **John Voight** (Fall and Spring), and chair **Pete Winkler**.

The GPC’s primary duty is to keep track of all the students in the department, and make decisions about their progress and how to react. This means things like missing deadlines, decisions on financial support every year, nominating students for Dartmouth-wide awards, and advancing students to candidacy. They are somewhat-policy making, and somewhat-Supreme Court: “Entertain suggested changes in graduate program policy and practice. Make decisions on small items; refer larger items [...] to the department for a vote.”

2. GRADUATE PROGRAM REPRESENTATIVE

Formally: “The Graduate Program Representative basically runs the graduate program. Specifically, the GPR is the liaison among the various relevant committees, and to the department chair and the office of the Dean of Graduate Studies.”

This years Graduate Program Representative (22-23) is **Vladimir Chernov**.

The Graduate Program Representative is “the backup for graduate students having difficulties with the Advisor to Graduate Students.”

The GPR is more Guarini-school focused. They are the official liaison with the Graduate Student Office on all administrative and paperwork matters. According to department materials, they also assign both teaching and TA responsibilities to graduate students. They seem to be the most financial focused: they are in charge of grant support, and consult with the admissions committee about the appropriate number of students to admit.

3. ADVISOR TO GRADUATE STUDENTS

Formally: “The Advisor to Graduate Students acts as a mentor to graduate students not yet advanced to candidacy, gives them help and guidance, and advocates on their behalf with the Graduate Program Committee. The Advisor also is responsible for approving course selection and certification committee selection.”

This year’s Advisors to Graduate Students (22-23) are **Anne Gelb** (Fall and Winter) and **Rosa Orellana** (Winter and Spring).

The ATGS is the most advising-focused role. They are suppose to meet with all incoming graduate students, and discuss course choices, certification committees, zeroth year status, leaves of absence and other such topics. They should be the graduate students’ advocates on the GPC and in relations with the Grad Office, faculty, and the department.