

## GRADUATE STUDIES TASK FORCE

The Task Force on Graduate Studies is charged with conducting a self-study to identify strengths, weaknesses, challenges and opportunities for graduate education at Longwood University. The task force will work during the Spring semester of 2016 to develop recommendations for creating an organizational model to sustain excellence and further enhance graduate programs while continuing to support and protect the core undergraduate mission of the University. In particular, the committee is asked to explore the following areas creatively: (1) the mission and goals of the Graduate College and its structure, role and integration within Longwood University; (2) graduate school models that may offer the best ways for Longwood to support the College's mission and goals, including "best practices" in providing students and faculty with social and intellectual community, engagement, support, and mentorship; (3) the ideal size and composition of the graduate student body across departments and programs; (4) a vision for the future of graduate education in both the near-term and the long-term future; and (5) a timeline for implementing recommendations based on 1 year, 3 year, 5 year, and 10 year feasibility. A draft of the report will be shared with the President and Provost who will offer comments and suggestions. The final report will be reviewed by Graduate Council as part of its duty to "provide for long-range academic planning related to graduate education". Graduate Council will share the report with Faculty Senate and request Senate endorsement of the report and its recommendations. The report will also be shared when appropriate with the Board of Visitors.

### GRADUATE TASKFORCE MEMBERS

\* Virginia Beard

Vice Chair, Graduate Council, Sociology/Criminal Justice representative

\* Xun Bian

Graduate Council: Business

\* Leta Bressin

Graduate Council: Graduate Student Advisory Council

\* Mary Carver

Undergraduate faculty, Political Science

\* Kathy Charleston

Assistant Dean, College of Graduate and Professional Studies

\* Karla Collins

Graduate Council: Education

\* Kevin Doyle

Task Force Chair, Graduate Council: Counselor Education Program, Vice Chair, Faculty Senate

\* Tammy Hines

Graduate Council: Library

\* Jeannine Perry  
Dean, College of Graduate and Professional Studies

\*Lissa Power-deFur  
BOV Faculty Representative, Communication Sciences and Disorders

\* Kat Tracy  
Chair, Graduate Council, English representative

\* Sherry Sandkam  
Outside Consultant  
Associate Dean (retired), the Graduate School Virginia Commonwealth University

**Sub Committees by Topic**

Finance/Budget

Organizational Structure

Student Focused Issues

Faculty Focused Issues

<b>Subgroup</b>	<b>Member 1**</b>	<b>Member 2</b>	<b>Member 3</b>	<b>Member 4</b>	<b>Member 5 <i>as available</i></b>
Finance/Budget	Lissa Power-deFur	Mary Carver	Xun Bian	Sherry Sandkam	Jeannine Perry Kevin Doyle
Organizational Structure	Mary Carver	Karla Collins	Virginia Beard	Kat Tracy Kathy Charleston	Jeannine Perry Kevin Doyle
Student Focused Issues+	Karla Collins	Leta Bressin	Kathy Charleston	Tammy Hines	Jeannine Perry Kevin Doyle
Faculty Focused Issues	Virginia Beard	Kat Tracy	Kevin Doyle	Sherry Sandkam	Jeannine Perry Kevin Doyle

\*\* Subgroup Convener

+ Inclusive of Alumni perspective, if possible