# Graduate Council

# LAUC-I Academic Senate Representative

# 2024-2025 Report

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**Council/Committee Name (acronym):**  Graduate Council

**Council/Committee Charge:** The graduate council oversees and advises on all matters related to graduate education. Some of its main duties include reviewing and approving graduate courses and changes to graduate programs, as well as monitoring the overall quality of graduate programs at UCI. A listed version of the duties of this council can be found at the link below.

**Link to Council/Committee Website:**  <https://senate.uci.edu/committees/councils/graduate-council-gc/>

**Frequency of Meetings:**  once monthly during the school year

**Major Activities:** The majority of activities conducted by this council are program modification requests (such as changes to names of degrees, additional/removal of courses to a program, addition of new degrees, etc.). The council also does regular reviews of the Self-Supporting Graduate Professional Degree Programs. Additionally, they provide comment on academic senate reports such as the [Future of Doctoral Programs Report](https://senate.universityofcalifornia.edu/_files/reports/future-of-doctoral-programs-report-2025.pdf) as well as the [draft common calendar report.](https://www.ucop.edu/institutional-research-academic-planning/content-analysis/academic-planning/draft-apc-common-calendar-workgroup-report-for-community-input.pdf)

**Issues of Concern to the Libraries:** This year, I brought a concern to Graduate Council as representing the Libraries’ interest in managing electronic Theses and Dissertations. This lead to a change in the Graduate Division Handbook and may lead to further changes in the future.

**Recommendations for New Reps/New Year:** Continue to monitor the state of graduate education at UCI and report back any issues relevant to the Libraries.