

College of Liberal Arts and Sciences
Dean's Charges to the Committee on Graduate Studies
2018-2019

Introduction

Each year the Dean of the College provides a set of charges to the Committee on Graduate Studies. These charges represent areas of pressing concern to the future of graduate education in the College. This year's charges continue the work of last year's committee and are focused on the mentoring of graduate students: what values inform graduate mentoring in the College and at KU and what actions should we prioritize to improve graduate student mentoring in the short and long-term?

Charges

1. **Develop a College "Position Statement" on graduate mentoring.** The position statement should utilize the research of last year's CGS committee. The statement will appear in the Academic Catalog and serve to guide choices about future mentoring initiatives. The statement should:
 - Draw upon departmental best practices, previous work of the CGS on the mentoring of GTAs and GRAs, and policy, guidelines, and position statements from other institutions;
 - Provide a point of reference for any future policy or programs related to graduate mentoring;
 - Be general enough to speak to the practice of mentoring across a range of disciplines, for both master's and doctoral students;
 - Clearly communicate the contribution that good mentoring makes to individual students, disciplines, and the College;
 - Address the contributions of both mentor and mentee to a positive mentoring relationship.

2. **Develop a prioritized list of actions to improve graduate student mentoring.** The list should be based upon the following information: 1) results of the 2018 graduate mentoring survey, 2) the 2018 CGS recommendations on graduate student mentoring, and 3) the 2013 CGS recommendations on GTA/GRA learner outcomes. The committee should use the College's Strategic Plan (Theme 2, Strategy 2) as a point of reference and work in close consultation with COGA staff.