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The Graduate School Roles and Impacts Working Group

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Dear Colleagues:

Thank you for agreeing to serve on *The Graduate School Roles and Impacts Working Group*. Your report will assist us in clarifying our goals and aspirations for the UW Graduate School in the context of searching for the next Vice Provost and Dean. Before appointing the advisory search committee to identify, review, and recommend candidates, I ask this working group to do some very important preparatory analytical work.

The Graduate School plays an important role in sustaining our national reputation as a research university. I would like to know what The Graduate School does now that is valued by the University community and what faculty, academic units, and students hope the Graduate School can do for graduate education across the University. At most large public universities, the graduate school is a respected and critical component of the organization, helping to attract, retain, and advance the best graduate students and acting as an arbiter of quality in appointing graduate faculty. It also reviews programs and develops ties across traditional academic colleges.

I ask that you address five questions:

1. What are the most critical roles our graduate school should play?
2. What are the most effective contributions our graduate school provides?

3. What three new responsibilities or tasks might our graduate school take on?
4. What areas of authority would you reconsider?
5. What should a new Vice Provost/Dean focus on initially?

We will ask staff of The Graduate School to provide you with information and data regarding the School's budget, information systems, and development operations as well as specific responsibilities and assignments under the School's purview.

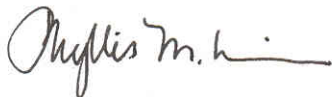
Timeline:

End of May	Interim Dean appointed.
Week of June 16	Provost Wise meets with Working Group to deliver charge.
Week of June 16	Working Group meeting with Vice Provost and Dean Suzanne Ortega.
June 16 to July 31	Working Group requests information from various stakeholders (e.g., Deans, Directors, Chairs, Graduate Program Advisors/Coordinators, Graduate School staff).
August 1-29	Working Group summarizes information.
September 2-October 3	Draft report posted on web with request for comments sent to UW campus.
October 4	Open comment period closes.
October 15	Working Group provides final report to Provost.
October 30	Provost appoints Advisory Search Committee for the Vice Provost/Dean of The Graduate School.

As you see, this is an ambitious timeline, but one that is important to maintain in order to begin our search for a permanent Dean by mid-autumn quarter. I am asking you to consult broadly with those who work within the School as well as its many stakeholders throughout the campus. It will be important to produce a working draft to provide a forum for input from faculty, staff, and students.

Thank you, again, for taking on this exciting task, and I look forward to meeting with you.

Sincerely,



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Provost and Executive Vice President

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