

School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering

Graduate Student Advisory Council - Charter

Mission:

The Graduate Student Advisory Council of the School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering (SMSOE) has as its mission to advocate for the needs and interests of **current and former** graduate students in the School of Marine Science and Ocean Engineering to the broader SMSOE community.

Roles and Responsibilities:

1. Create engagement and community building opportunities among graduate students across the different academic disciplines and programs that comprise SMSOE.
2. Advocate for the needs of SMSOE Graduate Students to the faculty, staff and leadership.
3. Foster relationships and networking through peer to peer, student to faculty, or student to advisor mentorships.
4. Advise on SMSOE communications related to graduate students (e.g., email, social media, YouTube).
5. Collaborate with the SMSOE Education, Research, Diversity Equity and Inclusion, and Outreach Committees to develop a mechanism to enhance strategic research investments; graduate education; diversity, equity and inclusion; and community involvement.

Membership:

Members of the Graduate Student Advisory Council will be solicited from the SMSOE community with a representative of both a Master and Ph.D. graduate student in each of the following areas, with appropriate diversity mix. This Council will consist of 8 graduate student members who will serve terms that are a maximum of 2 years. The SMSOE Director will approve all memberships.

Membership should include two representatives from each Marine Biology, Ocean Engineering and Oceanography, along with two representatives from the broader community. The latter positions may rotate and vary between a variety of departments. For example, if one year the representative is from CEE, the next year it could be from Mechanical. Nominations for unfilled positions can be solicited from the SMSOE community, with the understanding that balanced representation is paramount.