



Academic Senate

GRADUATE COUNCIL

March 26, 2021

To: Jason Stajich, Chair
Riverside Division

From: Amanda Lucia, Chair
Graduate Council

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amanda Lucia".

Re: [Campus Review] Report Review: Draft Strategic Plan

Graduate Council reviewed the draft strategic plan at their March 18, 2021 meeting. The Council focused their review on the plan's effect on graduate students. Members noted that graduate students are vital for achieving the University's research and teaching missions and that the growth of graduate programs cannot occur without competitive funding. Members were concerned with the plan's vague language regarding graduate placement and recommends that the administration consult with Graduate Division to further develop the content of the plan. Graduate Council noted that ITS needs more resources and funding to develop many of the resources for graduate students. Graduate Council recommends that programs be mentioned in tandem with departments to reflect the many graduate programs administered by interdisciplinary academic programs.