Graduate Council discussed the “new campus policy/guideline for research labs” proposal at their April 20, 2023 meeting and has several concerns. Council members understand that currently research lab space is under the authority of the Provost and delegated to the “Org head” (which we assume means Deans of Schools and Colleges), but that further delegation to a lower level in the organization is not approved. However, Graduate Council members voiced concern that space allocations really need to be made either by or with significant input from department chairs, given that only these units and their leadership really understand needs. The proposed policy and processes do not outline such consultation, which we believe is absolutely critical. Graduate Council members were also concerned with the proposed 5th year review of lab space, because allocating space only based on graduate student numbers and amount of external funding could lead to extremely biased assessments. It is unclear what the “etc.” at the end of this sentence indicates, but Graduate Council would like to understand possible other criteria used during assessment (e.g., what about undergraduate students or post docs?). Graduate Council would like to see a much more clearly spelled out plan and process for space assessment. A concern was also raised that should a lab be forced to move, this could lead to the lack of access for lab members, including graduate students, to critical shared equipment. Finally, handing over decisions to an “automated space management system” could also lead to the dispersion of labs across multiple and distant buildings, potentially negatively impacting collaborations and cohesion within a program. On the other hand, some Graduate Council members pointed out that decision making related to lab space allocation in the long-term should be guided by better and comprehensive information.