Leadership Roles
Dean: Eric T. Meyer (2018-2024)
Associate Dean for Education: Soo Young Rieh (2019-2023)
Associate Dean for Research: Tony Grubesic (2019-2023)
Assistant Dean for Education and Student Affairs: Carla Criner

Education Leadership Roles
Director of Undergraduate Studies: Ken Fleischmann (2020-2022)
Director of Master’s Studies: Pat Galloway (2019-2021)
Graduate Advisor: Ying Ding (2020-2022)
Director of Doctoral Studies / Assistant Graduate Advisor: Yan Zhang (2020-2022)

Journal Leadership Roles
Journal editor-in-chief, Telematics and Informatics: Tony Grubesic

University-wide Appointed and Elected Committees and Roles
Faculty Council Representative: Ying Ding (2020-2021)
Graduate Assembly Representative: Soo Young Rieh (2019-2022)
Undergraduate Curriculum Changes Committee: Ken Fleischmann (2019-2022)
Undergraduate Studies Advisory Committee: Soo Young Rieh (2020-2023)
Diversity Officer & Minority Liaison Officer: TBD
Council for Racial and Ethnic Equity and Diversity (CREED): Jakki Bailey (iSchool rep) & Loriene Roy (at-large rep)
LGBTQ+ Access, Equity, and Inclusion Council: James Howison
University Faculty Gender Equity Council (UFGEC): Amelia Acker (2019-2022)
University Co-Op Board of Directors: Ciaran Trace (2018-2022)
Information Technology Leadership Committee (ITLC): Sam Burns (2020-2023)
Design Studies Bridging Disciplines Program Faculty Panel: Jacek Gwizdka
Museum Studies Bridging Disciplines Program Faculty Panel: Pat Galloway & Karen Pavelka
Smart Cities Bridging Disciplines Program Faculty Panel: Ken Fleischmann

Standing Committees
General Assembly
To receive reports from committees and leaders in the iSchool that pertain to the whole community, and to discuss matters with school-wide impact. Meets at least once per term.

Chair: Dean
All eligible faculty
All eligible staff
All post-doctoral researchers
All doctoral students
Extended Budget Council
Advises the Dean on hiring, governance, and strategic issues of importance to the School.

Chair: Dean
All tenured full and associate professors
Tenure-track professors are also invited but not required to attend open discussions

Promotion and Tenure Committee
Conducts annual reviews of faculty and makes recommendations for promotion and tenure, comprehensive periodic review, and mid-probationary review. Meetings are during the latter portion of EBC meetings.

Chair: To be elected
All tenured full and associate professors

Research Committee
To discuss and plan research-related developments at the iSchool. Meeting frequency and schedule TBD.

Chair: Tony Grubesic (Associate Dean for Research, ex officio)
IRB Review Chair: Jacek Gwizdka (ex officio)
All eligible faculty
All post-doctoral researchers
All grants-related staff
2 x Doctoral student representative

Education Committee
The education committee is the umbrella committee for education policy and implementation. This committee’s meetings will incorporate meetings of the Information Studies GSC, and is the body through which the doctoral, master’s (including MSISP), and undergraduate studies committees report to the whole faculty with recommendations and items for wider discussion. Meets monthly during terms from 12:30 – 2:30, normally on the first Tuesday (fall) or last Tuesday (spring) of the month, exact dates to be confirmed.

Chair: Soo Young Rieh (Associate Dean for Education, ex officio)
GSC Information Studies Chair: Soo Young Rieh
GSC MSISP Chair: Ken Fleischmann
Carla Criner (ex officio)
All eligible faculty

Doctoral Studies Committee
This committee handles recruitment and evaluation of doctoral applicants for admission, organizes the annual doctoral student review cycle, coordinates nominations of doctoral students to prestigious University and external awards, and works with the Director of the Doctoral Program on all matters related to the doctoral program. This committee reports to the Education Committee, and is expected to normally meet monthly on a date before the Education Committee meeting.

Chair: Director of Doctoral Studies, Yan Zhang
Soo Young Rieh (ex officio)
Carla Criner (ex officio)
Andrew Dillon
Matt Lease
Min Kyung Lee
2 x Doctoral student representative
Master’s Studies Committee
This committee handles recruitment and evaluation of master’s applicants, provides oversight of curricular and programmatic issues for the MSIS, and ensures the smooth operation of our master’s program. This committee reports to the Education Committee, and is expected to normally meet monthly on a date before the Education Committee meeting.

Chair: Director of Master’s Studies, Pat Galloway
Soo Young Rieh (ex officio)
Carla Criner (ex officio)
Ying Ding (Graduate Advisor, ex officio)
Amelia Acker
Jakki Bailey
Philip Doty
Philip Jones
Eric Nordquist
Sarah Norris
Doctoral student representative
2 x MSIS student representative

Undergraduate Studies Committee
Oversees the undergraduate curriculum. This year, the committee will focus on launching the new informatics degrees. This committee reports to the Education Committee, and is expected to normally meet monthly on a date before the Education Committee meeting.

Chair: Director of Undergraduate Studies, Ken Fleischmann
Soo Young Rieh (ex officio)
Carla Criner (ex officio)
TBD (Undergraduate Program Coordinator, ex officio)
TBD (undergraduate Academic Advisor, ex officio)
Craig Blaha
Keisha Brown
Ken Fleischmann
Jacek Gwizdka
Elliott Hauser
Quinn Stewart
Aaron Ulmer
Rachel Van Middlesworth
1 Master’s student (selected by students/SASI)
2 x Doctoral student representative
UG Student representative

Faculty and Staff Awards & Honors Nominating Committee
To make nominations and produce supporting materials for a variety of faculty and staff awards that are available at UT throughout the year. Make recommendations to the Dean or other appropriate individuals / bodies for awards and honors. Also serve as a memorial committee as needed.

Chair: Danna Gurari
Philip Doty
Pat Galloway
Rebecca Sawyer
Pat Reichenbach
Ciaran Trace
Campaign Committee
To lead efforts on the University of Texas fundraising campaign, and on the iSchool 75th Anniversary campaign (1948-2023).

Chair: Shannon Hickson (Development Director, ex officio)
Jess Isaacs (Development Associate, ex officio)
Randolph Bias
Keisha Brown
Sam Burns
Tony Grubesic
Eric Nordquist
Loriene Roy
Doctoral Student Representative

Colloquium Committee
To enhance the research culture of the iSchool, the committee plans and coordinates the Research Colloquia and speaker series.

Chair: Tony Grubesic
Keisha Brown (Director of Communications, ex officio)
Jakki Bailey
Min Kyung Lee
Sarah Norris
Quinn Stewart
Postdoc representative
2x Doctoral student representative

Convocation Committee
To plan the School’s annual graduation ceremony and the iSchool portions of the university-wide ceremony.

Chair: Dona Kurtz
Carol Carreon
Shannon Hickson (Convocation Speaker Liaison)
James Howison
Rebecca Sawyer
Kim Wood
Master’s student representative(s)

Committee on Committees
Reviews committee structure and membership annually and makes recommendations for membership and leadership roles to the faculty and to the dean. Meets annually in the spring to make recommendations for the coming year.

Chair: Eric Meyer (ex officio)
Craig Blaha
Carla Criner
Danna Gurari
Dona Kurtz
Loriene Roy
Diversity and Inclusion
Dedicated to increasing the iSchool's diversity and creating an inclusive community that welcomes all students, staff, faculty, and friends of the school. The committee will also liaise with the current representatives to CREED, UFGEC, LGBTQ+ AEIC, the Minority Liaison Officer, and (when appointed) the Diversity Officer.

Chair: Rachel Van Middlesworth
Ahmer Arif
Keisha Brown
Carla Criner
Ida Rahnamai
Bo Xie
1-2 Master’s students (selected by students/SASI)

Firefighting Committee
Deals with ad-hoc short-term issues arising not otherwise dealt with by a committee. Some issues will be resolved by this committee, others may be referred to another committee.

Chair: Rotates among members
Sarah Britt
Shannon Hickson
Dona Kurtz
Matt Lease
Rebecca Sawyer

Ad Hoc Committees

ALA Review Committees
The ALA review has been delayed by COVID-19 until February 2022, but that means the work to create the report will now happen during the 2020-2021 academic year, with a complete draft planned to be completed before June 2021.

Accreditation Executive Committee:
Eric T. Meyer (Dean, Chair of Systemic Planning Standard)
Soo Young Rieh (Associate Dean for Education, Co-Chair of Curriculum Standard)
Tony Grubesic (Associate Dean for Research, Chair of Faculty Standard)
Loriene Roy (Professor, Co-Chair of Curriculum Standard)
Carla Criner (Assistant Dean for Education and Student Affairs, Chair of Students Standard)
Kamar Nassor (Chief Business Officer, Chair of Administration, Finances, and Resources Standard)

Subcommittees for each standard:
Standard I: SYSTEMATIC PLANNING
Eric T. Meyer (Chair, Dean)
Tony Grubesic (Associate Dean for Research)
James Howison (Associate Professor)
Shannon Hickson (Director of Development and Alumni Relations)
Emily Vernon (MSIS Student)

Standard II: CURRICULUM
Soo Young Rieh (Co-Chair, Associate Dean for Education)
Loriene Roy (Co-Chair, Professor)
Ken Fleischmann (Professor)
Carla Criner (Assistant Dean for Education and Student Affairs)
Governance Task Force
As voted at the GSC in spring 2019, this task force will take a look at overall governance issues in the iSchool and make recommendations for any changes, if necessary, to the faculty by January 2021 at the latest.
   Eric Meyer (ex officio)
   Tony Grubesic (ex officio)
   Soo Young Rieh (ex officio)
   Carla Criner
   Ken Fleischmann
   Dona Kurtz

Search Committee: Bowden Professor of Librarianship (pending Provost approval)
This committee will lead the effort to recruit, screen applicants, interview, and make recommendations for hiring.
   Soo Young Rieh (chair)
   Loriene Roy
   TBD faculty
   TBD staff
   1 Doctoral student representative
   1 Master’s student representative (selected by students/SASI)

Search Committee: Assistant Professor in the area of Social Justice Informatics (pending Provost approval)
This committee will lead the effort to recruit, screen applicants, interview, and make recommendations for hiring.
   TBD (chair)
   TBD faculty
   Elliott Hauser
   TBD staff
   1 Doctoral student representative
   1 Master’s student representative (selected by students/SASI)