

# School of Information University of Texas at Austin 2020-2021 Committees

## Leadership Roles

Dean: Eric T. Meyer (2018-2024)  
Associate Dean for Education: Soo Young Rieh (2019-2023)  
Associate Dean for Research: Tony Grubestic (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 editors-in-chief, Information & Culture: Ciaran Trace & Andrew Dillon (2019-2022)  
Journal editor-in-chief, Computers, Environment and Urban Systems: Tony Grubestic  
Journal editor-in-chief, International Regional Science Review: Tony Grubestic  
Journal editor-in-chief, Telematics and Informatics: Tony Grubestic

## 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) & Lorlene 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 Grubescic** (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

Doctoral Student Representative  
Master's Student Representative  
UG Student Representative

## Campaign Committee

To lead efforts on the University of Texas fundraising campaign, and on the iSchool 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary campaign (1948-2023).

**Chair: Shannon Hickson** (Development Director, ex officio)

Jess Isaacs (Development Associate, ex officio)

Randolph Bias

Keisha Brown

Sam Burns

Tony Grubestic

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 Grubestic**

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

Bo Xie

Doctoral student representative

## 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

Doctoral student representative

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 Grubestic (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 Grubestic (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)

Matthew Glaser (MSIS Student)  
Anne Morgan (MSIS Student)  
Yogita Sharma (MSIS Student)

**Standard III: FACULTY**

Tony Grubescic (Chair, Associate Dean for Research)  
Ying Ding (Professor)  
Dona Kurtz (Executive Assistant)  
Ida Rahnamai (Senior Administrative Associate)

**Standard IV: STUDENTS**

Carla Criner (Chair, Assistant Dean for Education and Student Affairs)  
Soo Young Rieh (Associate Dean for Education)  
Eric Nordquist (Clinical Associate Professor)  
Carol Carreon (Graduate Program Administrator)  
Kim Wood (Director of Career Development)  
Rachel Van Middlesworth (Senior Administrative Associate)  
Sanjana Tripathi (MSIS Student)

**Standard V: ADMINISTRATION, FINANCES, AND RESOURCES**

Kamar Nassor (Chair, Chief Business Officer)  
Jacek Gwizdka (Associate Professor)  
Sam Burns (Senior IT Manager)  
Quinn Stewart (Instructional Technology Specialist)

**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 Grubescic (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)

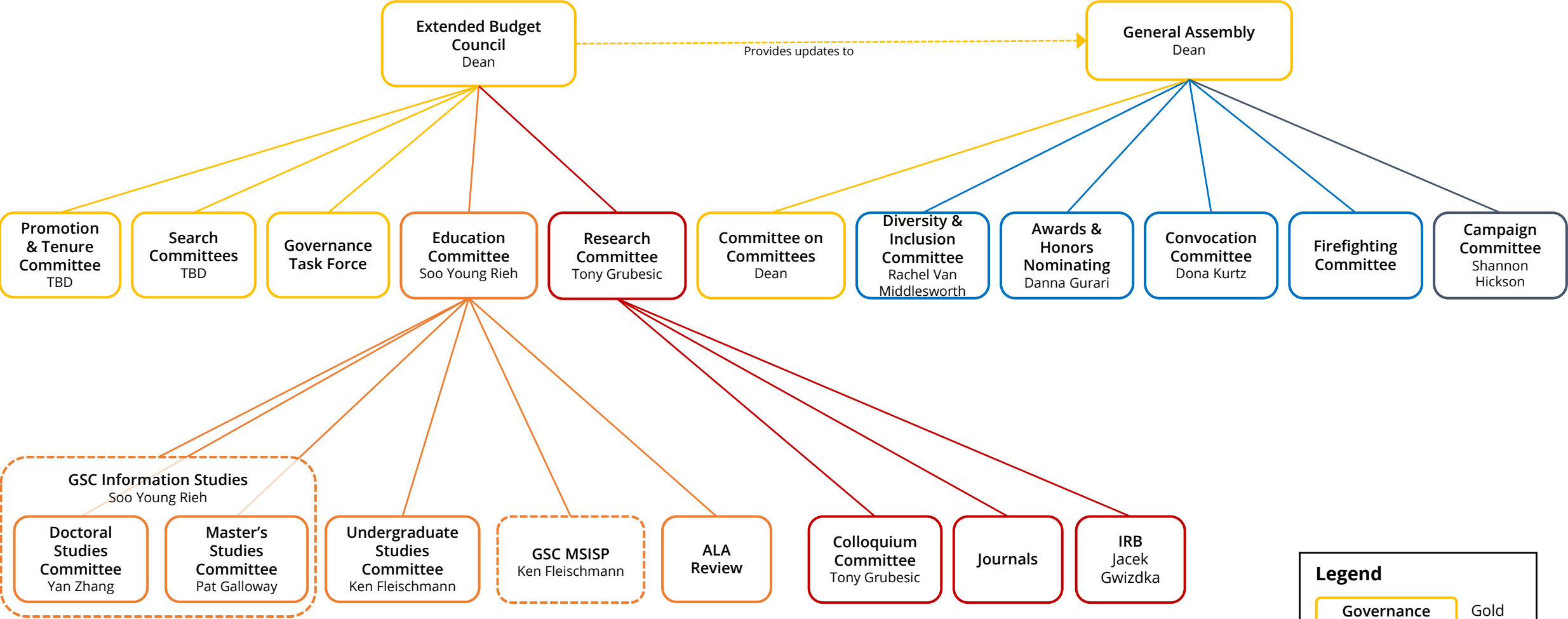
**Search Committee: Assistant Professor in the area of Social Justice Informatics** (pending Provost approval)

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)

# iSchool Committees

2020-2021



**Legend**

Governance	Gold
Education	Orange
Research	Red
Development	Gray
Other areas	Blue