

## 2019-2020 Year-End Committee Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Student Affairs
<b>Charge:</b>	To collaborate with Northwestern students and student governance associations on issues involving faculty-student interaction.
<b>Chair:</b>	Karen Springen
<b># of Meetings:</b>	About two per quarter

### **Completed Business and/or Accomplishments**

The committee met with undergraduate and graduate student leaders to discuss university leadership, mental-health issues, relationships with The Graduate School (including handling the departure of principal research advisers and giving written feedback about satisfactory and unsatisfactory work), international student issues such as visas, and many other issues.

### **Unfinished/Continuing Business**

Given changes in university leadership (such as the departure of the provost and of the dean of TGS), changes in U.S. policies (such as visa issues), and changes in Northwestern's finances due to the pandemic, the committee will continue to tackle the issues above, recognizing new health and safety and other challenges posed by the coronavirus.

**New Business for Next Year**

The committee will need to concentrate on the health, safety and financial implications posed by the coronavirus. At the same time, it will continue to work on mental-health issues, relationships with The Graduate School, international student issues such as visas, health-insurance and childcare concerns for graduate students' families, undergraduate concerns about financial aid, and community concerns about police and racial and social-equity issues.