

## 2022-2023 Year-End Committee Report

<b>Committee:</b>	Student Affairs
<b>Charge:</b>	Collaborates with Northwestern student governance associations on issues involving faculty-student interaction and considers University-wide policies related to both undergraduate and graduate students
<b>Chair:</b>	Ana Maria Acosta, PhD
<b># of Meetings:</b>	3

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

- 1) Engaged with the leaders of Northwestern University Graduate Workers (NUGW) and TGS Dean Kelly Mayo at the beginning of the school year to get an update on graduate student unionization efforts and the University's efforts in addressing past and present graduate student demands. This was communicated to the faculty senate in the fall of 2022. Since this time, graduate workers won the majority vote to unionize, elected a Bargaining Committee and are now engaged in the bargaining process with NU Administration. The process is expected to last 1 to 1.5 years.
- 2) Re-establish regular communication with the Division of Student Affairs. The committee met with Susan Davis, Vice-president of Student Affairs, shortly after she started in the position. We discussed current issues in Student Affairs and identified areas of overlap with the Faculty Senate in which we can work together.
- 3) Re-establish regular communication with the Associated Student Government (ASG). The committee met with ASG leadership and learned about their organization's priorities and activities. The students also learned about the Faculty Senate, our charge and how we can help them advance some of their initiatives.

### **Unfinished/Continuing Business**

- 1) Follow up with the Division of Student Affairs on the outcome of the review of CAPS that was commissioned by President Schill and in general with the University's response to student mental health and learning needs. The committee plans to do benchmarking with peer institutions to assess how NU stands in addressing the rising incidence of mental health issues among college students.
- 2) Continue to monitor and update faculty on the bargaining process between graduate workers and the University.

#### **New Business for Next Year**

- 1) Gather information on the undergraduate advising system to assess if it meets the expectations of students and faculty.
- 2) Monitor the developments of the Athletics crisis and begin to understand why the processes that were in place to prevent hazing failed and how this translates to the rest of the student body.