

Political Engagement

External Politics

Graduate Dean as Liaison

- CGS Publication-Organization and Administration of Graduate Education
“graduate deans should develop and maintain effective relationships with officials responsible for or involved with graduate education in national and state governments.”

Key Contacts

- Elected officials in whose districts university is located
- Legislators on education committees or with particular interest in education issues
- Higher education associations
- Governing boards
- Staffs of funding agencies

University Organizational Responsibilities

- Know the University's legislative liaison
 - Don't circumvent that person's role
- Keep University administration informed of issues and policies affecting graduate education

Be Prepared

- Have access to current data
- Work with institutional research and academic units to customize data (identify important contributions and accomplishments that may not be part of the reported data)
- Keep key parties informed of contributions of graduate education in your University
- Emphasize community involvement

Be Careful

Be politically astute and knowledgeable but
avoid being “political