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**Recommendation from the Faculty Senate Graduate Studies Committee and University’s Graduate College Working Group, with the concurrence of the Coordinating Committee on Education (Chris Williams, Chair) and Executive Committee (Martha Buell, Chair) for the request of the formation of the Graduate College**

RESOLUTION FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STUART M. AND SUZANNE B. GRANT GRADUATE COLLEGE

WHEREAS, the University of Delaware (UD) is designated by the [Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching](https://www.carnegiefoundation.org/) as an R1 academic institution with very high research activity, and has substantially expanded its [portfolio](http://grad.udel.edu/#hometabs%7C1) of graduate, professional and post-baccalaureate education opportunities, and

WHEREAS, recent strategic plans affirm broad university-wide commitments towards initiatives that enhance graduate and professional education and post-doctoral training in order to fortify and elevate our impact in regional, national and international communities, and

WHEREAS, extensive evidence-based [reviews](http://grad.udel.edu/grad-white-paper/), including external [benchmarking studies](http://www.udel.edu/gradoffice/wordpress/working-group-resources/Update-Grad-School-Benchmarking-Study-2-2-17.pdf), best practice literature ([Council of Graduate Schools](http://cgsnet.org/) and [Mellon Foundation](https://mellon.org/resources/shared-experiences-blog/revitalizing-graduate-education/)), and independent strategic consultants [reports](http://grad.udel.edu/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/University-of-Delaware-CGS-Strategic-Consultation-Report-7-18-17-PDF.pdf), as well as internal analyses by the [Office of Institutional Research and Effectiveness](http://ire.udel.edu/), historical documents and numerous stakeholder [forums](http://grad.udel.edu/grad-white-paper/), have summarily concluded that the current UD Office of Graduate and Professional Education ([OGPE](http://grad.udel.edu/)) is inadequate in size, structure, and scope of functions when compared with our highly competitive [peer universities](http://www1.udel.edu/gradoffice/wordpress/working-group-resources/UDPeerInstitutionSnapshots.pdf) or aspirational institutions, and

WHEREAS, a new graduate college would lead and incentivize collaborative, university-wide partnerships among administration, academic colleges, faculty, staff and students by:

* Facilitating innovative, high-value interdisciplinary programs,
* Supporting curriculum innovation to enable both university-wide achievement of excellence in graduate and professional education and substantial enrollment growth,
* Providing centralized support for market research, public relations and communications, and data-rich, evidence-based decision-making related to both capacity planning and program intake/outcomes assessment
* Enhancing fund-raising and grant activity
* Driving achievement of 21st century best practices in recruitment, retention, mentoring, community-building, and alumni engagement to foster diversity and inclusion within the graduate student population and graduate programs,
* Coordinating professional skills-building opportunities and career planning resources and programming of high value to all graduate students, regardless of discipline,
* Preparing graduate students to be leaders throughout their careers in a broad spectrum of professions,
* Advocating for and supporting high quality graduate student life services,
* Advocating for the importance of graduate education and research training, and its multi-faceted relationships to faculty research, undergraduate education, and community engagement,

WHEREAS, the opportunity exists for UD to create a new graduate college, which will optimize resource utilization, develop critical infrastructure, support organizational efficiency and heighten advocacy that signals UD’s intrinsic commitments to graduate and professional education, be it therefore

RESOLVED, that the Faculty Senate approves the establishment of the Stuart M. and Suzanne B. Grant Graduate College by January 1, 2019.