

This message is sent on behalf of Jeremy Haefner, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs

Colleagues,

I am pleased to share that the Graduate Education Strategic Task Force, led by Hector Flores, dean of Graduate Studies and Agamemnon Crassidis, chair of the Graduate Council, have completed their charge to develop a strategic vision for graduate education at RIT. The full document, "[Imagine: A Strategic Plan for Graduate Education at RIT: Vision 2020](#)" can be found on my website.

This document is the result of thoughtful dialogue and deliberation by students, faculty, staff and administrators. Feedback from the RIT community was an absolutely critical part of this process, and to identify specific changes incorporated into the final document as a result of community input, I have also included the [final draft of the report](#), which has the featured changes highlighted.

The plan outlines the next steps for the university to make graduate education at RIT increasingly results-driven, collaborative, and focused on providing a quality educational experience for our students. It undergirds two basic premises – that graduate education will become increasingly important for RIT and that excellence must be the priority guiding the future. The timing for this report is superb as it will serve as a foundation for the current university strategic planning process. The strategic plan adheres to the guidelines set forth in the [Academic Portfolio Blueprint](#), and charts a course for excellence in scholarship, research, and professional preparedness.

I applaud the efforts of the Graduate Education Strategic Task Force and look forward to working with the Office of Graduate Studies and the community at large to grow a robust, competitive graduate education program at RIT.

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