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## Dear Colleagues:

From a rapid switch to virtual learning in March to seeing their research projects shelved due to the pandemic, these last 8 months have been challenging for our graduate students. Continuing into the fall, our graduate students have been doing a phenomenal job supporting the College's teaching mission through these unusual times. Students are leading recitations and teaching labs both virtually and in person. As the restrictions lift, more students are getting back into their labs to work toward their degrees.

Our Graduate Student Advisory Board, with representatives from each program, has met several times with Associate Dean Craig Bayse to discuss issues of importance to graduate students. Communication has been a key concern and the College has worked with the departments to make sure that information flows to students. Parking is another issue that is commonly discussed, but one that the College has little influence over. We have been working with the Graduate School to make adjustments when we are able.

Last year Craig held graduate student town halls to distress