GETTING INVOLVED
The Graduate Council shall have responsibility to:

- Establish general policies for graduate study, including policies applicable to students-at-large.
- Establish standards for admissions, retention, and awarding graduate degrees by the Graduate School.
- Promote scholarship, research, and artistic activities among faculty and graduate students and create an environment on campus which is conducive to the pursuit of research and graduate studies.
- Promote excellence in teaching among graduate faculty and encourage, where appropriate, the development of excellence in teaching among graduate students.
- Promote, where appropriate, the integration of professional practice, teaching, and scholarly activity.
- Approve graduate curricular proposals, including changes in graduate curriculum, submitted by departments and colleges; and approve and recommend all new graduate programs.
Graduate Council Continued

• Subject to approval by referendum of the graduate faculty, the Graduate Council shall determine criteria for recommendations by departments and other instructional units of the university for appointments to the graduate faculty.
• Request the college curriculum committees to report their decisions involving a duplication of courses for graduate credit to the chair of the council and to the vice president and provost.
• One graduate student member from each college shall serve a one-year, renewable term beginning at the start of the fall semester and ending at the start of the succeeding fall semester. Each graduate degree-granting department shall nominate one graduate student to the college student advisory committee which shall select the college representative.
Once a month, students on CSAC meet with the dean of the college to discuss all matters of direct concerns to students. This provides great opportunity to advocate on behalf of students and to promote change, as well as, further professional growth and development.
CLUBS AND ORGANIZATIONS

Getting involved is important. Be sure to check out all the **clubs and organizations** NIU has to offer.

The COE also values student involvement and has developed some **student organizations** to help professional growth. Be sure to check those out as well.