Dear Members of the Loyola University Chicago Community,

At the beginning of the 2017-18 academic year, the University’s provost created a Task Force on Graduate School Organizational Models. The Task Force is Chaired by Michael Kaufman, Dean of the School of Law, and consists of representatives from the faculty of the College of Arts and Sciences, the faculty from the School of Education, the faculty from the School of Social Work, the faculty from the School of Nursing, the faculty from the Stritch School of Medicine, representatives from the Staff, and representatives from the graduate students. The Task Force also has had the benefit of the ongoing participation of the Associate Dean of the Graduate School.

In order to make sure that the Task Force has the benefit of the perspectives of all interested stakeholders regarding the possible alternative administrative structures surrounding our graduate programs, the Task Force, with the support and advice of the University Senate, has scheduled three open forums, one on each campus, at the following dates and times:

1. Wednesday November 15 from 12:00-1:00 at the Water Tower Campus, in the Corboy Law Center, Room 1040.
2. Monday November 20 from 5:00-6:00 at the Lake Shore Campus, Klarchek Information Commons, 4th Floor
3. Wednesday November 29 from 12:00-1:00 at the Health Sciences Division Campus, Center for Translational Research and Education, Room 152.

The Task Force has been charged by the provost with examining administrative options for graduate education at Loyola. The Task Force is not involved in any aspect of the discussions about unionization or any aspect of the issues regarding collective bargaining. Nor does the Task Force have any information about those matters or have any authority to speak about them. Rather, the Task Force was asked only to study and evaluate alternative administrative models for our graduate programs and to provide recommendations to the University’s president and provost by the end of the fall semester.

We hope that any member of the University community who would like to share their perspectives about the possible alternative administrative structure surrounding our graduate programs will attend one or more of these open forums.

Thank you very much!

Sincerely,

Zelda Harris, Chair of the University Senate, and Michael Kaufman, Chair of the Task Force on Graduate School Organizational Models.