



# **Proposed PhD Program in Information Studies**

School of Information Studies

UW-Milwaukee



# Program Overview

- Prepares students for research, teaching, and leadership careers in:
  - Information Organization
  - Information Policy
  - Information Retrieval
- Interdisciplinarity, flexibility, quality
  - Research for theory and practice
  - Minors in info studies or other disciplines
  - Onsite & hybrid delivery; future online
  - 54 graduate credits
  - Internationally-recognized faculty



# Institutional Context

- UWM Mission
  - “a **balanced array** of high quality doctoral programs in basic disciplines and **professional areas**”
- UWM *Report on the Doctoral Program Array at UWM* recommends PhD in this field
- Specializations unique among PhD programs in the field

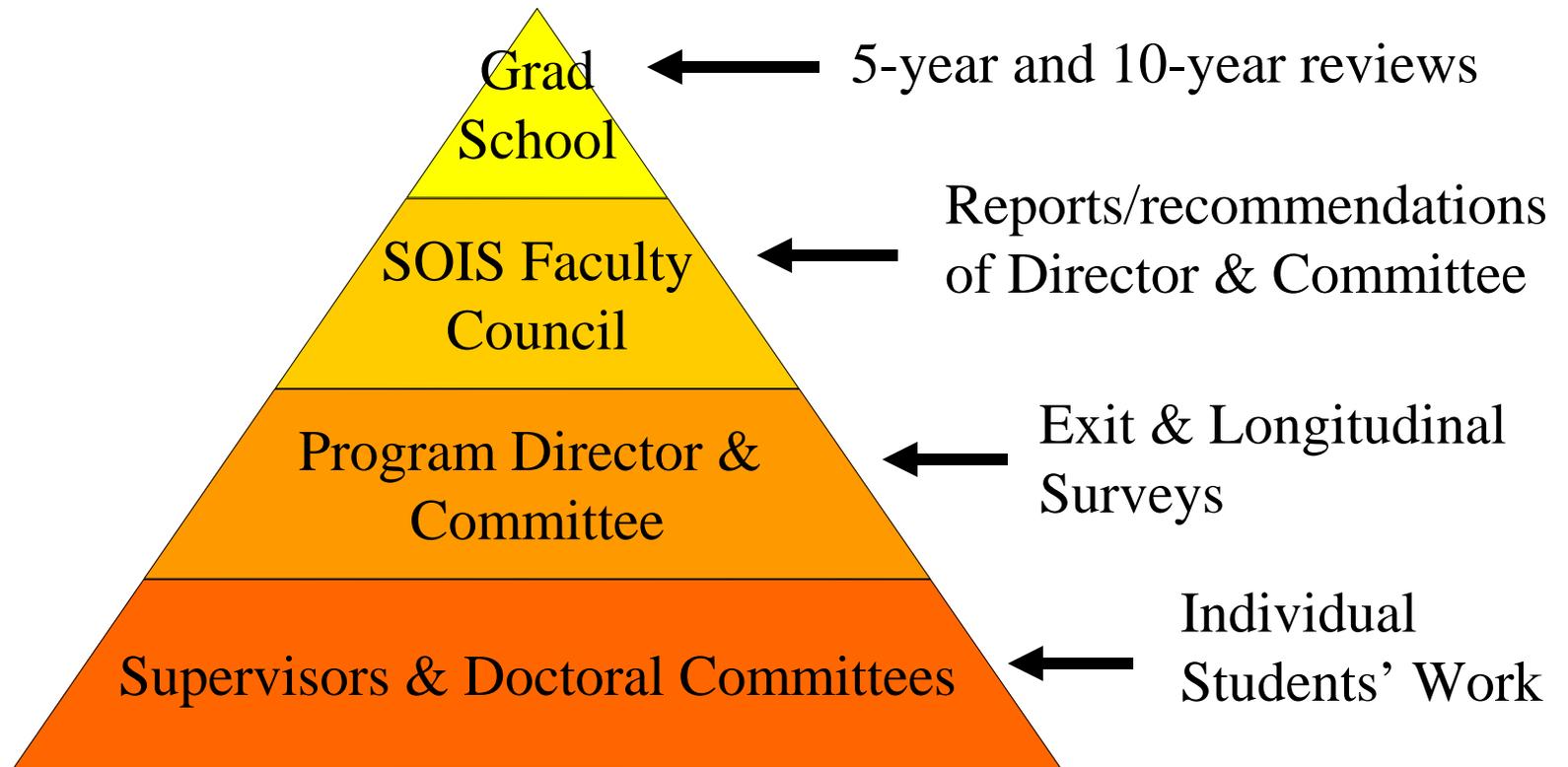


## Need

- Ever-growing dependence on information
- Unfilled positions (not enough graduates)
- Demand in areas of focus
- Graying of professoriate & profession
- Interest from the field
  - Survey of self-identified potential applicants



# Program Assessment





# Diversity

- Growing student diversity – MLIS & BSIR
- External funding opportunities
- Current faculty diversity – 37% minorities
- Curriculum
  - specialized courses
  - integration across curriculum
- International collaborations for research & coursework



# Resources

- Resource needs
  - Shift in faculty workload
  - Doctoral program director (.5 FTE)
  - Doctoral student support
- Sources
  - Program/tuition revenue
  - More doctoral students => fewer adjuncts
  - Growing faculty grant procurement success



**Thank you!**

- **We will be happy to address your questions**
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