

SECTION VI. - GOVERNANCE

O. GRADUATE COUNCIL

1. **Purpose and Duties:** The duties of the Graduate Council shall include:

- a. To formulate, review, establish, approve and forward to the Faculty Senate all academic policies for graduate education.
 - b. To establish guidelines and approve policy for graduate student admissions.
 - c. To establish guidelines and approve policy for requirements for all graduate degrees subject to approval by the Committee on Educational Policy.
 - d. To receive reports from the Graduate Curriculum Committee.
 - e. To develop policy for graduate student support.
 - f. To participate in periodic qualitative reviews of graduate programs.
 - g. To encourage research and teaching efforts at the graduate level.
 - h. To review and recommend nominees for the Graduate School awards as appropriate.
 - i. To provide for long-range academic planning related to graduate education.
 - j. To receive reports from the Graduate Petitions Committee.
 - k. To represent the interests of the Graduate Faculty and graduate students in the university.
- l. To advise the Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies on matters related to graduate education at the university.
2. **Membership:** One representative from each graduate major, one representative from the library elected by its faculty, two at-large representatives from the Graduate Faculty, one graduate student representative.
3. **Ex-Officio Members:** The Dean and Assistant Dean(s) of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (non-voting).
4. **Tenure Restrictions:** None.
5. **Departmental Restrictions:** None.
6. **College Restrictions:** None.
7. **Other Restrictions:** Council members must be current members of the graduate faculty.
8. **Term of Office:** Staggered three year terms. May be reelected.
9. **Method of Selection:** Each representative of a graduate major is elected by the graduate faculty in that major. The two at-large representatives are elected by the graduate faculty as a whole. The library representative is elected by the library faculty. The student representative is elected by the Graduate Student Advisory Council.
10. **Chair:** Elected by the Graduate Council members at the first fall meeting for a one year term of office with reelection possible.
11. Ex Officio Member to Faculty Senate: Shall be elected by Graduate Council at the first fall meeting for a one year term with reelection possible.
12. **Reporting Route:** To the Faculty Senate.

References: Board of Visitors, December 3, 2010, Minutes of the Faculty Senate, October 14, 2010

X. GRADUATE CURRICULUM COMMITTEE

1. **Purpose and Duties:** The Graduate Curriculum Committee reviews proposals for new and revised graduate courses and graduate degree programs and makes recommendations to the Committee on Educational Policy.
2. **Membership:** Members shall consist of the Graduate Program Coordinators or their designee in the event they are the elected Graduate Council member.
3. **Ex-Officio Members:** The Dean of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies and the Assistant Dean(s) shall serve as non-voting members.
4. **Tenure Restrictions:** None.
5. **Departmental Restrictions:** None.
6. **College Restrictions:** None.
7. **Other Restrictions:** Committee members must be current graduate faculty.
8. **Term of Office:** May vary depending on the terms of office for Program Coordinators.
9. **Method of Selection:** Each Program Coordinator is appointed by the Chair of the department responsible for the program (following departmental bylaws).
10. **Chair:** Elected by the Graduate Council ~~Council~~ Curriculum Committee at the first fall meeting for a one year term of office with reelection possible.
11. **Reporting Route:** To the Graduate Council and the Committee on Educational Policy.

References: Faculty Senate, October 14, 2010, Board of Visitors, December 3, 2010