

## **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 review, approve, and forward to the Committee on Educational Policy new and revised graduate courses and degree programs as developed by 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:** Varies with the number of graduate majors. One representative from each graduate major, two at-large representatives from the Graduate Faculty, one student representative.
- 3. Ex-Officio Members:** The Dean, and Assistant Dean(s) of the College of Graduate and Professional Studies (all non-voting). The Dean may vote to break a tie.
- 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 student representative is elected by the Graduate Student Advisory Council.
- 10. Chair:** Elected by the Graduate Council members at the first fall meeting.
- 11. Reporting Route:** To the Faculty Senate.