

Longwood University Faculty Senate  
**PROPOSAL/POLICY COVER SHEET**

This cover sheet is intended to provide information to members of the Faculty Senate about a new proposal/policy or about revisions to an existing proposal/policy. **If you are proposing a new policy, then attach the text of the policy to this form. If you are proposing a change to an existing policy, then attach the text of the current policy with any deleted language marked by a strikethrough and with new language marked by an underline. If you are deleting a policy, then attach the text of the policy to be deleted.**

COMMITTEE(S) that authored or sponsored this proposal:

**Graduate Council**

**TOPIC:** Change Graduate Council representative to Faculty Senate from Ex-Officio to Senator with voting privileges.

**BACKGROUND** (Provide a brief statement describing the origins of this proposal, the nature of the problem it addresses, and the work completed to devise the proposal)

**Upon creation, Graduate Council was given ex-officio status in Faculty Senate.**

**SUMMARY OF NEW POLICY OR PROPOSED CHANGES OR DELETIONS TO AN EXISTING POLICY** (Provide a brief list or statement describing the content of the policy or the proposed changes or deletions):

**Current FPPM Copy:**

**A. BY-LAWS OF THE LONGWOOD FACULTY SENATE**

**ARTICLE I--NAME**

**Section 1.** The name of this organization shall be the Longwood Faculty Senate.

**ARTICLE II--PURPOSE AND RESPONSIBILITY**

**Section 1.** The Faculty Senate has all the authority and responsibilities vested in it by the faculty of Longwood University. The functions of the Faculty Senate are to represent the faculty and exercise the delegated authority of the faculty in the consideration of all policies that affect the academic mission of the institution.

**Section 2.** The Senate may initiate legislation concerning educational policy. Under the final authority of the President and the Board of Visitors, the Senate shall have responsibility to advise and make recommendations on matters of curriculum, academic programs and policies; faculty development; and faculty status. The Senate may discuss, debate, and formulate positions on other matters it deems appropriate. Nothing herein shall limit the authority of the President or the authority of the Board of Visitors to act upon any matter relating to the University.

**ARTICLE III--MEMBERSHIP**

**Section 1.** Elected Members. Each academic department shall elect a representative to serve

on the Senate. Departments with at least 12 full-time faculty shall elect 2 representatives, hereinafter referred to as Senators. Departments with at least 24 full-time faculty shall elect 3 Senators. Senators shall have full floor and voting privileges on all matters before the Senate. Full-time faculty shall be understood to mean the number of full-time faculty allotted to the department at the time of the election.

**Section 2.** Ex-Officio Members. The President of the University, Provost and Vice President for Academic Affairs (PVPAA), Vice President for Administration and Finance, Vice President for Student Affairs, Academic Deans, a Representative chosen by the Graduate Council, Faculty Representative to the Board of Visitors, and a Student Representative chosen by the Student Government, shall be ex-officio members and enjoy full floor privileges, including the making of motions, on all matters before the Senate.

### **Proposed Changes:**

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#### **RATIONALE FOR THE POLICY OR PROPOSED CHANGES** (Provide a brief statement as to why the new policy, the changes, or the deletion is needed):

Graduate Council is a body elected to represent the needs and concerns of the graduate faculty and students. Currently it Chair serves as an ex-officio member of Senate, but very often, matters germane to the governance of graduate faculty and/or students come before Senate, upon which the Graduate Council representative should be able to vote. Graduate students and faculty are part of a unique entity who issues differ from Undergraduate Studies represented by specific departments, and they should be represented fully by the elected Chair of Graduate Council. A prime example of this is the recent decision to change the graduation policy: The change affects graduate students differently than undergraduates and had Graduate Council been considered as soon as this policy discussion took place, we would have brought the proposal forward with the undergraduate one.

**Making the elected Graduate Council Chair a voting member at least gives one vote that can be purely representative of graduate interests.**

Graduate Council is *not* represented on Senate through departmental representatives. Even Senators on the graduate faculty list may teach graduate classes infrequently and may not be well versed on graduate issues. The CGPS Dean is an ex-officio member of Senate and represents the interests of the College as an administrator; while the Graduate Council Chair represents Council and the interest of faculty elected to represent every graduate program on campus. As an elected faculty representative, the Council Chair should have a vote on Senate.

**Currently:** There are 26 voting Senators; 11 of those are designated graduate faculty, but ONLY ONE has total graduate responsibilities. All others are primarily undergraduate faculty and represent the specific departments by which they were elected to serve.

**SENATE EXECUTIVE MEMBERSHIP**

\* Graduate Committee was the previous incarnation of Graduate Council and was made up of program coordinators who were appointed by department Chairs and, thus, not elected.

<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of members</b>	<b>Members who are Graduate faculty</b>	<b>Graduate faculty who are active on Graduate committee</b>
<b>05/06</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>06/07</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>07/08</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>08/09</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>09/10</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>

**FACULTY SENATE MEMBERSHIP**

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<b>Year</b>	<b>Number of members</b>	<b>Members who are Graduate faculty</b>	<b>Graduate faculty who are active on Graduate committee</b>
<b>06/07</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>07/08</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>08/09</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>09/10</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>2</b>
<b>10/11</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>3</b>

Date submitted to Senate Executive Committee for Consideration: \_\_Apr 2, 2015\_\_\_\_\_

Action(s) Taken: Refer to April 9 Faculty Senate Meeting

Date first read at Faculty Senate: \_\_April 9, 2015\_\_\_\_\_

Action(s) Taken: Paper Vote

Date final action taken by Faculty Senate: \_\_April 9, 2015\_\_\_\_\_

Final action(s) Taken: Not Approved