

RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Graduate Council to review all proposals for graduate degree programs and courses and, at its option, existing programs and to review the criteria for membership on the Graduate Faculty. Furthermore, the council is to establish admission standards, the standards for continuation of graduate students, and the residency requirements. Finally, the council is to consider any other matters relevant to the Office of Graduate Studies.

COMPOSITION

The graduate council shall be composed of the following members:

- The Dean of the Office of Graduate Studies (chair);
- One appointed member from each college;
- One member elected by each college;
- Four atlarge members, elected, with no more than two from any single college;
- University Registrar (exofficio);
- Graduate Student, appointed by Provost (exofficio); and,
- Faculty Senate President or his or her representative (exofficio).

Seven voting members of the Graduate Council shall constitute a quorum.

MEMBERSHIP

With the exception of the graduate student representative, the University Registrar, and the Faculty Senate President, all members of the Graduate Council shall be full or associate members of the Graduate Faculty. Elected or appointed members shall serve a term of two years from the beginning of the fall semester following their election or appointment, which shall occur in the spring.

Terms for elected or appointed members shall be staggered.

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

All members of the graduate faculty are eligible to vote in Council Elections.

College representatives to the Council shall be elected by April 21 of the appropriate year of selection. Such representatives may be nominated by all tenured and tenure-track faculty; the election will be conducted at the time and in the manner of the Faculty Senate elections conducted by the Faculty Senate Secretary.

The Dean's and Provost's appointments shall be made by May 1st.

*Non-Substantive Changes made on December 6, 2007.