

### **Constitutional Change #1**

A proposed change to Article V section A5 (Duties of the Executive Committee) was discussed and approved at the 10/20/22 GEC meeting.

#### OLD wording:

A. Duties of the Executive Committee include the following:

1. Approval for graduate credit of courses, research, and similar scholastic activity.
2. Review of the qualifications of those applying or re-applying for regular or other membership to the Graduate Faculty and recommendation of appointments to the Dean.
3. Advising the Dean regarding decisions concerning progress and fulfillment of graduate student requirements by individual students as necessary.
4. Conferring on the establishment and alteration of policies relating to graduate study and bringing recommendations for action to the Graduate Faculty.
5. On a regular basis, reporting its actions to the Graduate Faculty. Any action of the Executive Committee may, upon appeal by a motion introduced at a meeting of the Graduate Faculty, be referred to the Faculty for final decision.

#### NEW wording:

A. Duties of the Executive Committee include the following:

1. Approval for graduate credit of courses, research, and similar scholastic activity.
2. Review of the qualifications of those applying or re-applying for regular or other membership to the Graduate Faculty and recommendation of appointments to the Dean.
3. Advising the Dean regarding decisions concerning progress and fulfillment of graduate student requirements by individual students as necessary.
4. **Advising the Dean regarding decisions concerning professional misconduct in the roles of graduate student assistantships or fellowships (GA, GTA, GRA, predoctoral fellow) by individual students as necessary.**
5. Conferring on the establishment and alteration of policies relating to graduate study and bringing recommendations for action to the Graduate Faculty.
6. On a regular basis, reporting its actions to the Graduate Faculty. Any action of the Executive Committee may, upon appeal by a motion introduced at a meeting of the Graduate Faculty, be referred to the Faculty for final decision.

Constitutional Changes to be presented at 11.7.2022 Graduate Faculty Meeting

Rationale:

Issues arise related to student conduct in their roles as student employees. Some of these issues are dealt with in the policies on Research Misconduct and Affirmative Action, but others are related to professional actions related to their position. Because they are not actual employees covered by HR, the mechanism for dealing with these issues has been ad hoc through the Dean's office. In consultation with legal counsel a decision was made to codify this process and to include adding the possibility of GEC oversight when needed, as is the case for academic issues.

**Constitutional Change #2**

A proposed change to Article II section F (Graduate Faculty Membership Privileges) was discussed and approved at the 10/20/22 GEC meeting.

OLD wording:

F. Graduate Faculty Membership Privileges

1. Any member of the Graduate Faculty may serve as a member of a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation committee.
2. Only a Regular or Emeritus Member of the Graduate Faculty
  - a. shall be entitled to one vote on all matters presented to the graduate faculty;
  - b. shall serve as a graduate program director/coordinator (required faculty leader of the program) appropriate to their discipline;
  - c. shall serve as the Chair of a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation defense committee.
  - d. shall be the primary advisor for a master's thesis or a doctoral dissertation.
3. An Adjunct Member of the Graduate Faculty may serve as the primary Co-Advisor for a doctoral dissertation or master's thesis in conjunction with a Co-Advisor who is a Regular Member of the Graduate Faculty.

NEW wording:

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  - a. shall be entitled to one vote on all matters presented to the graduate faculty;
  - b. shall serve as the Chair of a master's thesis or doctoral dissertation defense committee;
- 3. Only a Regular Member of the Graduate Faculty**
  - a. shall serve as a graduate program director/coordinator (required faculty leader of the program) appropriate to their discipline.
  - b. shall be the primary advisor for a master's thesis or a doctoral dissertation;
  - c. may, after leaving the institution and with permission of the Graduate College and Graduate Program Director, continue to serve as the primary Advisor for a current doctoral dissertation or master's thesis when they leave the institution until that student has finished. A local Co-Advisor may be required.**
- 4. An Emeritus Member of the Graduate Faculty may continue to serve as the primary Advisor for a doctoral dissertation or master's thesis initiated while still a Regular Member until that student has finished.**
5. An Adjunct or **Emeritus Member** of the Graduate Faculty may, **with permission of the Graduate Program Director**, serve as the primary Co-Advisor for a doctoral dissertation or master's thesis in conjunction with a Co-Advisor who is a Regular Member of the Graduate Faculty.

Rationale:

Item 3c codifies long-standing process of the Graduate College and adds a permission requirement from the Graduate Program Director.

Item 4 codifies long-standing process of the Graduate College

Item 5 adds Graduate Program Director approval to existing policy and also gives Emeriti faculty the same advising right as Adjunct members – they can take on a new student with a Co-advisor and Program Director permission.