Graduate Faculty Review Committee

The Graduate Faculty Review Committee (GFRC) serves to review initial and reappointment applications for Full Graduate Faculty. Review of requests for initial and reappointment applications for Associate Graduate Faculty Status are conducted by the Dean of the Graduate School.

I. Function

A. To develop and review operational definitions for the membership criteria for the two categories of Graduate Faculty Status (see the GFA document, Section V) and forward its recommendations to the GC for its approval;
B. To review faculty members' applications for initial and reappointment to Full Graduate Faculty Status;
C. To serve as the first level of review for appeals from faculty whose applications for Full Graduate Faculty Status are not approved by the department chair and/or dean of the academic unit;
D. To serve as the first level of review for appeals from faculty whose applications for Associate Graduate Faculty Status are not approved by the Dean of the Graduate School.

II. Position in the Organizational Structure

A. Recommending body to the Dean of the Graduate School.
B. Recommending body to the GC.

III. Membership

A. Composition (8 members)

1. Faculty: Five full-status Graduate Faculty elected by the GFA.
2. The Chair-Elect of the GC serves as Chair and votes only in cases of a tie.
3. Administration: Dean of the Graduate School (ex officio non-voting).
4. Secretary: The Coordinator of Graduate Studies shall serve as secretary to the GFRC (ex officio non-voting).

B. Selection Process for Faculty Elected by the GFA and Quorum

1. Members of the GFA with full graduate faculty status are eligible to be nominated for and elected to the GFRC by the GFA full-status members of their college/unit. There shall be one representative each from the College of Education, the College of Health and Human Services, the College of Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences, the College of Science and Technology, and the Harmon College of Business Administration.
2. A quorum consists of three voting members. For the purpose of determining a
quorum voting members are the faculty elected by the GFA and the Chair.

C. Terms of Service for Faculty Members

1. Faculty members representing colleges, three years staggered.
2. Chair, one year.

IV. Comments

The GFRC will meet as needed through the summer. Elections will be held for expiring terms during the spring semester. Newly elected members will be seated at the first meeting of the next academic year. Special elections may be held to fill vacancies on the GFRC. Members elected in a special election will be seated immediately on the GFRC.

Modifications to the GFRC’s structure and charge require approval of two-thirds of the voting members of the Graduate Council.