

Graduate Council

Standing Rules

The Graduate Council has jurisdiction over the policies, procedures, and requirements of graduate education. The Council establishes and reviews admission standards, basic degree requirements, and general policies; approves all graduate faculty members, new programs, and courses; and periodically reviews all existing graduate programs. The creation, design, and specific requirements of graduate programs and of individual student's programs are the responsibilities of the academic units; however, no academic unit has authority to waive or supersede the general policies of the Graduate Council. As needed, the Graduate Council reviews applications and nominations for specific university-level graduate student awards and recommends award recipients. Upon request, the Council also reviews university-level proposals for extramural funding of graduate training and education programs.

The Council consists of one graduate faculty member from each College and one graduate student. The Chair shall be a faculty member with immediate prior experience on the Council. The Dean and Associate Dean of the Graduate School and the Chair of the Graduate Admissions Committee shall be ex-officio, non-voting members.

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Guidelines

Proposed Graduate Council Internal Policies:

- Approval of graduate program faculty, in accordance with Graduate Council policy, is delegated to the Graduate School.
- For program reviews, the reviewers shall discuss their review for 15 minutes prior to inviting in the department chair & dean to the meeting.
- For program review updates, only the reviewer needs to come to the GC meeting if there is no problem with the progress of the program. However, if the reviewer feels that there are issues of concern that need to be addressed, then the chair of the program will be invited to the meeting 15 minutes after the reviewer presents his/her concerns to the GC.
- The current policy is to allow for up to a one-year delay to accommodate requests for simultaneous undergraduate and graduate program reviews.