



## Article I. The Graduate Faculty

### Section 1. Membership of the Graduate Faculty

The Graduate Faculty consists of (a) appointed members: those members of the various colleges and schools of the University appointed by the President upon the recommendation of existing Graduate Faculty members in their home units; and (b) ex officio members: the President of the University; the Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs and Provost; the Vice President for Research and Associate Provost; the Vice President for Public Service and Outreach and Associate Provost; such other Vice Presidents as the President designates; the Dean of the Graduate School; the Director of Libraries; and the deans of colleges and schools authorized to offer programs leading to graduate degrees

[cf. Statutes of The University of Georgia, Article VII, Section 1

(<http://provost.uga.edu/index.php/statutes/article-vii-deans-of-schools-and-colleges/>)].

### Section 2. Authority of the Graduate Faculty

Subject to the general policies of the University Council, the Graduate Faculty shall have authority to determine entrance requirements for students in the Graduate School, to prescribe and define courses of study for them, to determine the requirements for such degrees as are offered through the Graduate School, to enact and enforce rules for the guidance and government of its students in their graduate work, to recommend for degrees such candidates as have fulfilled degree requirements, and in general to exercise jurisdiction over all educational matters in the Graduate School

[cf. Statutes of The University of Georgia, Article VIII, Section 1

(<http://provost.uga.edu/index.php/statutes/article-viii-faculties-of-schools-and-colleges/>)].

### Section 3. Responsibilities and Rights of the Graduate Faculty

Primary responsibilities of Graduate Faculty members include:

- Overseeing research/scholarship and training of masters and doctoral candidates.
- Preparing masters and doctoral candidates for the practice of their profession.
- Teaching advanced graduate courses as assigned by the unit head.
- Otherwise participating in the graduate program of the unit and the university.

Only members of the Graduate Faculty have the right to:

- serve as a major professor to doctoral students.
- serve as a major professor to Master of Arts and Master of Science students.
- teach 8000-9000 level courses.
- serve as members of the Graduate Council.
- vote for faculty as representatives to serve on the Graduate Council.
- vote on appointment and reappointment of faculty members to the Graduate Faculty in their academic unit.

A detailed description of the responsibilities and rights of the Graduate Faculty is available in *Policy and Procedures for Appointment and Reappointment to the Graduate Faculty*.

#### Section 4. Criteria and Procedures for Appointment of the Graduate Faculty

Each academic college and school will formulate its own procedures for review and evaluation of appointment and reappointment materials. The academic college and school forwards its recommendations to the Dean of the Graduate School who forwards them to the President. The President then formally appoints the Graduate Faculty.

Detailed descriptions of (a) qualifications for membership in the Graduate Faculty, (b) procedures for appointment and reappointment of the Graduate Faculty, and (c) removal/revocation of graduate faculty status are available in *Policy and Procedures for Appointment and Reappointment to the Graduate Faculty*.

#### Section 5. Meetings of the Graduate Faculty

1. Meetings of the Graduate Faculty may be called by the Dean of the Graduate School as they are appropriate. The Dean shall call a meeting if requested to do so by a written petition signed by at least 5 percent of the total Graduate Faculty, including at least 5 percent of the Graduate Faculty in three or more colleges or schools; such a meeting shall be held within 30 days of the delivery of the petition to the Dean's office.

2. The Dean shall send notice of any meeting of the Graduate Faculty to all members of that Faculty at least two weeks before the meeting. The notice shall include an agenda of items to be acted upon, and no item not on the agenda may be acted upon unless two-thirds of the members attending the meeting agree to place the new item on the agenda for action.

3. The Dean or a representative designated by the Dean presides at all meetings of the Graduate Faculty but votes only to break a tie.

4. A quorum for action at a Graduate Faculty meeting shall be a majority of the current membership of the Graduate Faculty.