

# **Article I. The Graduate Program Faculty**

## **Section 1. Membership on the Graduate Program Faculty**

The Graduate Program Faculty consists of (a) appointed members: those members of the various colleges and schools of the University appointed by their individual school/college; 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; <https://provost.uga.edu/policies/statutes/article-vii-deans-of-schools-and-colleges/> ).

## **Section 2. Authority of the Graduate Program Faculty**

Subject to the general policies of the University Council, the Graduate Program Faculty shall have authority to determine entrance requirements for students in their school/college, 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; <https://provost.uga.edu/policies/statutes/> ).

## **Section 3. Procedures for Appointment**

Each academic college and school will formulate its own guidelines for review and evaluation of appointment to the Graduate Program Faculty.

## **Section 4. Meetings of the Graduate Program Faculty**

1. Virtual or physical meetings of the Graduate Program 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 Program Faculty, including at least 5 percent of the Graduate Program 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 Program 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 Program Faculty, but votes only to break a tie.
4. A quorum for action at a Graduate Program Faculty meeting or online virtual meeting/voting shall be a majority of the current membership of the Graduate Program Faculty.