

Tenth-Year Review: Revised 2/15/17
GRADUATE COUNCIL [Tier 2]

1) Name of Committee [Tier Number for Committee]: Graduate Council [Tier 2]

2) Brief Description:

The Graduate Council shall advise the ~~Vice Provost for Graduate Studies Dean of the Graduate School~~ on matters pertaining to graduate study at the University of Oregon.

3) Background:

4) Charge and Responsibilities:

The Graduate Council shall advise the ~~Vice Provost for Graduate Studies Dean of the Graduate School~~ on matters pertaining to graduate study at the University of Oregon.

~~The Council shall establish general policies and regulations governing graduate study at the University of Oregon, excluding those matters requiring approval by the Chancellor or the Oregon University System (OUS).~~

Specifically, and in addition to its advisory role, the Graduate Council: ~~shall be responsible for:~~

~~(1) Establishes policies and regulations governing graduate study at the University of Oregon, and reviews and votes to approve changes or additions to such policies.~~

~~Providing rules and procedures for the effective administration and application of faculty policies and regulations;~~

~~(2) Recommending changes in, or additions to, the policies and major regulations of the Graduate School;~~

~~(2) Reviews and votes to approve new graduate programs, revisions to degree requirements for existing graduate programs, and other changes to existing graduate programs, while ensuring highest standards for graduate education.~~

~~(3) Reviews and makes recommendations to the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies on academic grievance appeals in accordance with the University's established grievance procedures.~~

~~(4) Provides input and guidance to the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies on initiatives aimed at enhancing excellence, diversity, and access in graduate education.~~

~~(4) Provides University administration and Unit leaders across campus with opinion and counsel on university affairs affecting graduate education and graduate students, including issues of equity in service to graduate students.~~

~~(3) Providing for the maintenance of high standards of graduate instruction;~~

~~(4) Considering all proposals for changes in courses carrying graduate credit and to~~

~~present its recommendations to the Committee on Courses; and,~~

~~(5) Participating in decennial Program Review. This legislation shall not preclude the right of any faculty member to appeal to the general faculty on matters pertaining to graduate policies and regulations.~~

5) Membership Requirements:

Membership of the Graduate Council is fixed at 14 voting members, consisting of 12 elected teaching faculty at the rank of assistant professor or above and 2 students plus the ~~Assistant Vice Provost for Graduate Studies Associate Dean of the Graduate School~~ (ex officio, non-voting), the ~~Vice Provost for Graduate Studies Dean of the Graduate School~~ (ex officio, non-voting), and the Chair of the Committee on Courses or designee (ex officio ~~non~~-voting) with the responsibility of acting as a liaison to that committee. Of the 12 teaching faculty, 6 shall be from College of Arts and Sciences representing the Humanities (2), the Social Sciences (2), and the Natural Sciences (2), but no two shall be from the same CAS department; 1 from each of the professional schools/colleges which include the ~~College of Design School of Architecture and Allied Arts~~, the Lundquist College of Business, the College of Education, the School of Journalism and Communication, the School of Music and Dance, and the Law School. The elected faculty members of the Graduate Council shall come from departments that have graduate programs leading to a graduate degree and conducted under the jurisdiction of the ~~Division of Graduate Studies Graduate School~~. One student must be from a graduate program leading to a master's degree and one must be from a graduate program leading to a doctoral degree. The ~~Vice Provost for Graduate Studies Dean of the Graduate School~~ shall be empowered to appoint other ex-officio, non-voting members to represent important constituencies of graduate students and faculty as needed.

- 6) Leadership Structure (Chair, Convener &/or Staff):
- a) Chair: elected from the committee membership
 - b) Convener: Vice Provost for Graduate Studies
 - c) Staff: Office of the Vice Provost for Graduate Studies

7) Election of Chair (quarter, week or “at the first meeting”):
At the first meeting of fall term (usually October)

- 8) Length of Term:
- a) Non-Students (faculty, OA’s, OR’s, Classified): 3 years, staggered
 - b) Students: 1 year
 - c) Ex Officio: indefinite

- 9) Term Limits:
- a) For the Chair: 1 term
 - b) For Committee Members: none
 - c) Ex officio: none

10) Frequency of Meetings:
once per month

- 11) Workload Designation:
- a) For the Chair: [Tier 2] approximately 37 hours/year
 - b) For Committee Members: [Tier 2] approximately 25 hours/year

12) Reporting Deadline(s):
The Graduate Council shall report to the University Senate. At a minimum this report shall be in the form of an annual written report submitted by the Committee Chair to the Senate President and Senate Executive Coordinator no later than June 1. The committee shall also make additional written or oral reports to the Senate as necessary.

13) Current Members [*Leave blank at present*]:

14) Category or Type:
Standing Committee

15) Department:
Academic

16) Selection Process:
Elected

17) Additional Information:

Additional information can be found on the University Senate Committee Archive page.