

# Legislation Template

## Change of Membership for the Graduate Council

Number:  
US14/15-06

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Date of Notice:  
Tue, 09/09/2014

Notice is given at least 21 days, generally one month, before consideration by

Legislation, Resolution, or Policy Adoption:  
Legislation

Current Status:  
Approved on 06/03/15

Motion:

Final motion text is due to Senate Exec Coordinator at least 8 business days prior to the meeting

Section I

1.1 WHEREAS, the Graduate Council has determined that it would facilitate the work of the committee to include a member of the Law School as part of the committee membership; and

1.2 WHEREAS, the current committee membership does not have a position specific to the Law School (but does include other professional schools and colleges); and

1.3 WHEREAS, the Graduate School has undergone recent changes in leadership titles;

Section II

2.1 BE IT HEREBY MOVED that the Graduate Council membership requirements be changed to read as follows:

"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 Associate Dean of the Graduate School (ex officio, non-voting) and the Dean of the Graduate School (ex officio, non-voting). 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 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 Graduate School. Exceptions to this policy will be considered for members from the professional schools/colleges. 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 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."

(Below follows a redlined version showing the changes from the currently approved membership.)

A Notice of Motion must contain the following:

Title of Motion

Type of Motion: Must indicate whether it is Legislation, Resolution or Policy Proposal  
Sponsor of Motion

Basic Motion Text: Include at least general information about the purpose of the motion and what sort of senate action is being requested.

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Financial Impact:  
Cost neutral.  
Sponsor:

Joe Lowndes, Professor (Political Science) & Graduate Council Chair

Scott L. Pratt, Dean of the Graduate School

**Background:**

N/A

**Related Documents:**

Grad Council Redlined Document

Redlined text is included to clearly indicate changes to existing policies or legislation. A word document including redlined changes must accompany your final motion text.

If relevant and available, legislative history must be included in your final motion text. You can research prior Senate actions on the Senate website.

Please include all appropriate related documents in word or PDF format with your final motion text.

All motions changing existing policy or legislation must include a word or PDF document noting the redlined changes on the original text.