

- **Graduate Faculty Nominees for Full Status**

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Dean's Report

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Open Forum

- **Concerns about the Graduate Faculty Status Application Form**

- Need to fix document for consistency or follow the published guidelines.
- Issue: Individuals with Master's are being denied to serve on dissertations.
- Currently, the document states that someone with a Master's degree can serve on a dissertation committee.
- Practice isn't reflecting the language in the Graduate Faculty Status Application Form or the actions that the committee is taking.
- Suggestion: Policy cleanup. Last edits to the policy occurred over 6-7 years ago.

- **Graduate Faculty Status Application Form Policy Revision Suggestions**

- Enforcing a checkbox/system that grandfathers nominees to a policy.
- Add a footnote on the second page of the current Graduate Faculty Status Application Form under Affiliate Status.
 - Footnote addresses that when situations arise, the Graduate Council has the right to decide who receives approved or declined status.

- **Department Justification for Graduate Faculty Status Nominees**

- Proposal of a justification document being submitted on behalf of individuals with Master's wanting to serve on dissertations. Documentation would come from a major advisor or chair. The proposal would highlight why the nominee is qualified.

- **Graduate Faculty Status Nominees Degree Versus Extensive Background**

- Trust disciplines to make judgements about who is qualified and who isn't.
- Concerns about how this issue will affect staffing. Agreed that department must follow their internal guidelines. Suggested that staffing should consist of no more than one person with a Master's degree, and they have a certain amount of years of experience.
- Can proficiency of nominees really be defined? Disciplines will know who has the expertise to serve their students well. However, concern about some departments taking advantage of this potential loophole.
 - Example provided: General rule in teaching, individuals cannot teach classes that are higher than their degree level, except in situations where their experience proceeds their degree.

- **Update on the Repeat Course Policy**

- Retroactive for ones that don't have a degree.

- Currently, there are issues with certificates being recognized as certificates. A form will need to be created.
- Information is being inserted into grade run and monitored.
- **Update on the Leave of Absence Policy**
 - Working on language in the Absence Policy. Will be brought to the committee in two weeks.
- **Senate Agenda Update**
 - Changing the Clemency Policy from two years to one year isn't going to make it to the next Senate meeting.
 - Catalog language being revisited. There isn't anything in the current language that justifies student probation versus student suspension.

Meeting adjourned **3:42 p.m.**