

FACULTY SENATE BYLAWS
Proposed Revision – Fall 2020

Below are the proposed, current, and redlined versions of the Graduate Council, found in II. N. 2. b. of the Faculty Senate Bylaws.

Proposed Revision to the Graduate Council description:

b. Graduate and Professional Council

(1) Membership shall consist of the following individuals:

- One (1) representative from each college and off-campus academic unit who shall be selected by the Faculty Senate Executive Committee after consultation with the college deans and caucuses (chairs of the college committees for graduate instruction shall be considered for appointment)
- Two (2) representatives of the Graduate Faculty
- Two (2) graduate students
- Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School (Ex-Officio)

All faculty members shall be members of the Graduate Faculty.

All of the above members except the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School shall be voting members. In the absence of the appointed member, a substitute may vote on behalf of that unit.

A representative from the Graduate and Professional School and one representative of the University Library Council shall serve as non-voting members. In addition, a representative from Curricular Services shall serve and provide advice as a non-voting member.

All faculty members shall serve three-year terms. Those serving on a committee as a result of their Texas A&M University position shall continue to serve as long as they are in that position. Student members shall serve one-year terms.

A representative from the Graduate and Professional School shall serve as the Administrative Assistant but not have voting privileges.

To ensure continuity, the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School shall serve as the Chair of the Council.

(2) The Council shall review all curricular requests pertaining to graduate and

professional academic programs, shall be responsible for the quality and development of the graduate instruction and programs and shall advise the Associate Provost and Dean of the Graduate and Professional School on all graduate and professional program matters.

The Council shall have the authority to create standing and ad hoc committees as necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

- (3) The Council shall communicate in writing, through its administrative assistant, its recommendations to the Faculty Senate, by way of the Executive Committee.

Current Description of the Undergraduate Admissions Advisory Committee, found in II. N. 2. b. of the Faculty Senate Bylaws:

b. Graduate Council

- (1) Membership shall consist of one representative from each college and off-campus academic unit who shall be selected by the Faculty Senate Committee on Committees after consultation with the college deans and caucuses (chairs of the college committees for graduate instruction shall be considered for appointment); two representatives of the Graduate Faculty; two graduate students; and the Director of Graduate Studies as an Ex-Officio member. All faculty members shall be members of the Graduate Faculty.

All of the above members except the Director of Graduate Studies shall be voting members.

The Associate Director of Graduate Studies, one representative of the University Library Council, and one member of the Medical Sciences Library shall serve as non-voting members.

The Council shall elect a chairperson from among its voting members.

- (2) The Graduate Council shall review all curricular requests pertaining to the graduate academic program, shall be responsible for the quality and development of the graduate instruction and programs and shall advise the Director of Graduate Studies on all graduate program matters.
- (3) The Graduate Council shall communicate in writing, through its secretary, its recommendations to the Faculty Senate, by way of the Executive Committee, and simultaneously to the Academic Program Council.

Redline version

a. b. Graduate and Professional Council

- (1) Membership shall consist of one representative from each college and off-campus academic unit who shall be selected by the Faculty Senate ~~Committee on Executive~~ Committees after consultation with the college deans and caucuses (chairs of the college committees for graduate instruction shall be considered for appointment); two representatives of the Graduate Faculty; two graduate students; and the ~~Director of Associate Provost for and Dean of the~~ Graduate and Professional Studies School as an Ex-Officio member. All faculty members shall be members of the Graduate Faculty.

All of the above members except the ~~Director of Associate Provost for and Dean of the~~ Graduate and Professional Studies School shall be voting members. In the absence of the appointed member, a substitute may vote on behalf of that unit.

~~The Associate Director of~~ A representative from the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies School and, one representative of the University Library Council, ~~and one member of the Medical Sciences Library~~ shall serve as non-voting members. In addition, a representative from Curricular Services shall serve and provide advice as a non-voting member.

All faculty members shall serve three-year terms. Those serving on a committee as a result of their Texas A&M University position shall continue to serve as long as they are in that position. Student members shall serve one-year terms.

A representative from the Office of Graduate and Professional Studies School (OGAPS) shall serve as the Administrative Assistant but not have voting privileges.

~~The Council shall elect a chairperson from among its voting members To ensure continuity, the Associate Provost and Dean for of the Graduate and Professional Studies School shall serve as the Chair of the Council.~~

- (2) ~~The Graduate~~ Council shall review all curricular requests pertaining to ~~the~~ graduate and professional academic programs, shall be responsible for the quality and development of the graduate instruction and programs and shall advise the ~~Director Associate Provost and Dean of the~~ Graduate and Professional Studies School on all graduate and professional program matters.

- ~~(2) The Council shall have the authority to create s~~Standing and ad hoc

committees as necessary to carry out its duties and responsibilities.

- (3) The ~~Graduate~~ Council shall communicate in writing, through its ~~secretary~~administrative assistant, its recommendations to the Faculty Senate, by way of the Executive Committee, ~~and~~ ~~simultaneously to the Academic Program Council~~.