

### **Summary of Major Changes**

1. The current subcommittees (GCC, GPR, Fellowships) will become separate standing committees: Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC), The Graduate Program Review Committee (GPR), and the Graduate Student Fellowships Committee (GSF). Their regular business will no longer need the approval of GFC, thus speeding up final passage of their regular business. Any policy proposals that would affect all programs (such as changes to policies governing fellowships procedures or program reviews) would have to be passed as recommendations for final approval by GFC.
2. Only the chairs of the new standing committees (GCC, GPR, GSF) will serve on GFC. This will eliminate most of the double-duty that makes GFC such an intensive assignment.
3. GFC will be reduced in size from 23 elected faculty (currently 4 seats are vacant) to 12 elected faculty, not counting the chairs of GCC, GPR, and GSF.
4. Faculty for all four standing committees will be apportioned by division, rather than proportionally by size of school or college, and in all but the fellowships committee there will be some flexibility for the Secretary of the University. No two faculty from the same department or non-departmentalized school or college may serve on the same committee.
5. Reduction of graduate students serving on GFC from 3 to 2; addition of one graduate student to the Graduate Student Fellowships Committee.
6. Chair elections for the following year will be held in March rather than February (April for GSF; March is their busiest time).
7. Elimination of term limits for chairs; this is consistent with many other standing committees.
8. Introduction of a limit of two consecutive elected terms for all members. This is consistent with many other standing committees.
9. Elimination of all "Procedures" sections, which are unnecessary, sometimes redundant, and occasionally inaccurate.
10. Eliminate provisions for filling vacancies; this is specified in Chapter 6 of P&P.
11. Eliminate the provisions requiring each committee to file an annual report. This is also required of all standing committees in P&P so need not be specified.

12. Align naming conventions with APCC, APBC, etc., which put the term Committee” at the end of the name, as in Graduate Curriculum Committee (GCC is currently named Subcommittee on Graduate Courses and Curriculum).