

Rationale for Changes to GFC Document #1173/Faculty Document #3134

Changes made to the criteria for graduate faculty membership, clarifying that other graduate faculty committees besides the Graduate Faculty Committee require graduate faculty status.

Changes were made to the policies around advisors and committee members who have left the University. This equalizes the policies for all graduate advisors with the existing policies for doctoral major advisors. The new language also makes it clear that faculty may continue to serve as committee members as well as major advisors. The change allows all members of a committee (members and advisors) to serve for up to two years after they have left the University, with additional time allowed with the permission of a department's executive committee. Not only does this bring the language for all graduate committees into synchrony, it also provides clearer options for keeping committees intact at a time when there is an issue with loss of faculty across the University.

These changes were approved by the GFC on February 17, 2020.
