

Graduate School Council Policy Committee

The Dean of the Graduate School charges the Graduate School Council Policy Committee (“Policy Committee”) with advising the Graduate School Council and the Dean on matters of graduate education policy (Faculty Code Section 23-45.E). The Graduate School Council is an elected body of Graduate Faculty serving in an advisory capacity to the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School. The Council has legislative authority for all matters pertaining to graduate education requiring a vote of elected representatives ([Charter of the Graduate School Council](#)).

The Policy Committee consists of a subset of the Graduate School Council and is chaired by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs or designee. The committee includes *ex officio* members as described below.

In general, the Graduate School’s Associate Dean of Academic Affairs leads operational oversight of graduate policies and their interpretation, in close coordination with the Dean of the Graduate School who has authority over Graduate School policies. The Office of Academic Affairs is responsible for managing workflow and documentation of policy changes and implementation.

Policy Committee Role

The Policy Committee advises the full Graduate School Council and the Dean of the Graduate School on matters pertaining to graduate education policy. It considers the need for new graduate policies and revisions to existing policies based on input from the graduate community and the Graduate School, including policies contained in the [Graduate School Policies](#). The Policy Committee may also advise on the interpretation and implementation of existing policies, as called upon by the Dean and Associate Dean of Academic Affairs. In its deliberations, the Policy Committee considers both the policy needs of the institution as well as the impact that policies have on academic and administrative functions across the institution.

Policy Committee Composition

The Policy Committee consists nominally of five members of the Graduate School Council, identified by the Dean and Associate Dean for Academic Affairs, and is chaired by the Associate Dean of Academic Affairs or designee. *Ex officio* members advise on the impact policies have on academic and administrative functions and will include representation from the following areas: Graduate School Academic Affairs; Graduate School Graduate Enrollment Management Services; Graduate Program Advisors; and Graduate & Professional Student Senate. Stakeholders relevant to specific policy discussions will be included on an *ad hoc* basis.