

FACULTY SENATE SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY

FACULTY SENATE BILL 22-A-XX

**Approved by the Faculty Senate
DATE**

BRIEF SUMMARY: This resolution makes changes to the Graduate Faculty section, Chapter 2, Section D, Subsection 6, of the Faculty Handbook to provide clarity to graduate faculty status policy and procedure.

Graduate Faculty

BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Subject to the passage and approval of this bill and its companion procedures bill, the policy portion of the Department Chairs section of the faculty handbook (Chapter 1, Section F, Subsection 9) will be replaced by this bill.

TITLE OF SECTION: Procedure

Procedures Faculty Senate Bill 12-A-12 begins here

Variable Load Assignment

A plan for the variable load assignment should be developed by the faculty member in consultation with the chairperson, and then be approved by the dean. Included in the plan must be a list of anticipated outcomes that will result from the variable teaching assignment (for example, completed theses or creative projects under the guidance of the faculty member, publications, preparation of grant applications).

The primary responsibility for making a variation in the teaching assignments for graduate faculty members with significant graduate responsibilities rests with the dean of the college. These arrangements should be recommended by the appropriate department chairperson to the dean and approved by the Provost.

b. Graduate Faculty Responsibilities, Expectations, and Appointment

It is the responsibility of the faculty member and their department chairperson to provide adequate evidence of the individual's eligibility for appointment as a graduate faculty member. Department chairpersons in their appraisal of the application must verify that data presented in the request meet the criteria established as qualifications for membership in the graduate faculty. Professional qualifications should include the appropriate doctoral degree, or the terminal degree appropriate to the discipline, or evidence that clearly demonstrates the necessary professional competencies. In no case will an appointment be made where an individual's academic and professional qualifications do not exceed those of the students.

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Departments are expected to update annually their graduate faculty roster. Additionally, every five years, department chairpersons are asked to verify that each member of the graduate faculty has been actively involved in decisions affecting graduate education at the departmental level and has taught at least one 600- or 700- level course or two 500-level classes with graduate students enrolled or has supervised graduate student research, graduate independent studies, etc., and has maintained a record of active scholarship.

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Regular Graduate Faculty

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Members of the regular graduate faculty are responsible for:

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1. Chairing and serving on master's and specialist's advisory committees.

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2. Directing master's theses, graduate papers and projects, and specialist degree papers and internships.

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3. Teaching graduate-level courses and directing graduate-level research.

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4. Electing and serving on the Graduate Council and its committees.

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5. Serving as a departmental or extra-departmental examiner for final graduate oral or written examinations.

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6. Assisting in the preparation and evaluation of master's comprehensive examinations.

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7. Providing leadership in improving the quality of graduate education.

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8. Serving as graduate student advisors.

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9. Demonstrating annually graduate research, creative/scholarly effort, or service.

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10. Meeting annually as graduate faculty with the Dean of the Graduate Studies.

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Regular graduate faculty members are expected to:

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1. Hold an earned doctorate or the appropriate terminal degree for those disciplines in which the doctorate is traditionally not required or available.

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2. Be full-time employees of Southeast Missouri State University and members of the

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instructional unit to which the appointment is proposed.

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3. Have competence in the discipline in which the appointment is proposed as

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demonstrated by prior study, teaching experience, research, scholarly activity, and

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professional practice.

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4. Provide evidence of peer-reviewed scholarship or creativity as appropriate to the

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Appointment to the regular graduate faculty should be by:

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1. Recommendation of the department chairperson.

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2. Endorsement of the dean of the college.

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3. Approval by the Dean of the Graduate Studies.

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4. At the time of application, the Dean of the Graduate School Studies should be supplied

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with full documentation supportive of the recommendation of the department and college.

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Associate Graduate Faculty

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Members of the associate graduate faculty are responsible for:

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1. Teaching graduate-level courses.

- 89 2. Serving on master's committees.
90 3. Directing master's graduate non-thesis, papers, and projects.
91 4. Serving as departmental examiners for final oral examinations.
92 5. Assisting in the preparation and evaluation of master's comprehensive examinations.
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94 Associate graduate faculty are expected to:

- 95 1. Have completed all requirements for the terminal degree except the dissertation where
96 appropriate,
97 .-Or have completed most requirements where the doctorate is not the terminal degree,
98 -Or, have a post-graduate degree in the discipline and tested experience deemed equivalent
99 to one level above the courses being taught or thesis topic. Those requirements and the
100 review process must be documented and well-defined by the department.
101 2. Be a full-time employee of Southeast Missouri State University and a member of the
102 instructional unit in which the appointment is proposed.
103 3. Have competence in the discipline in which the appointment is proposed as
104 demonstrated by prior study, by teaching experience, research, scholarly activity, creative
105 projects, and professional practice.
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107 Appointment to the associate graduate faculty should be by:

- 108 1. Recommendation of the department chairperson.
109 2. Endorsement of the dean of the college.
110 3. Approval by the Dean of the Graduate Studies.
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112 At the time of application, the Dean of the Graduate Studies should be supplied with full
113 documentation supportive of the recommendations of the department and college.
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115 **Adjunct Graduate Faculty**

116 Members of the adjunct graduate faculty are individuals who are authorized to teach
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119 Adjunct graduate faculty are expected to:

- 120 1. Have completed all requirements for the terminal degree except the dissertation where
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122 .-Or have completed most requirements where the doctorate is not the terminal degree,
123 -Or, have a post-graduate degree in the discipline and tested experience deemed equivalent
124 to one level above the courses being taught or thesis topic. Those requirements and the
125 review process must be documented and well-defined by the department.
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127 2. Be employed less than full-time by Southeast Missouri State University.
128 3. Be appointed for each specific course they are employed to teach.
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130 Appointment to the adjunct graduate faculty should be by:

- 131 1. Recommendation of the department chairperson.

- 132 2. Endorsement of the dean of the college.
- 133 3. Approval by the Dean of the Graduate Studies.

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135 At the time of application, the Dean of the Graduate Studies should be supplied with full
136 documentation supportive of the recommendation of the department and college.

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PROCEDURES

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