

**FACULTY SENATE                      SOUTHEAST MISSOURI STATE UNIVERSITY**

**FACULTY SENATE BILL 21-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 procedure.

**Graduate Faculty**

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT:** Subject to the passage and approval of this bill, the procedure 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

43 an appointment be made where an individual's academic and professional qualifications do  
44 not exceed those of the students.

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

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### 53 **Regular Graduate Faculty**

54 Members of the regular graduate faculty are responsible for:

- 55 1. Chairing and serving on master's and specialist's advisory committees.
- 56 2. Directing master's theses, graduate papers and projects, and specialist degree papers and  
57 internships.
- 58 3. Teaching graduate-level courses and directing graduate-level research.
- 59 4. Electing and serving on the Graduate Council and its committees.
- 60 5. Serving as a departmental or extra-departmental examiner for final graduate oral or  
61 written examinations.
- 62 6. Assisting in the preparation and evaluation of master's comprehensive examinations.
- 63 7. Providing leadership in improving the quality of graduate education.
- 64 8. Serving as graduate student advisors.
- 65 9. Demonstrating annually graduate research, creative/scholarly effort, or service.
- 66 10. Meeting annually as graduate faculty with the Dean of ~~the~~ Graduate School Studies.

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68 Regular graduate faculty members are expected to:

- 69 1. Hold an earned doctorate or the appropriate terminal degree for those disciplines in  
70 which the doctorate is traditionally not required or available.
- 71 2. Be full-time employees of Southeast Missouri State University and members of the  
72 instructional unit to which the appointment is proposed.
- 73 3. Have competence in the discipline in which the appointment is proposed as  
74 demonstrated by prior study, teaching experience, research, scholarly activity, and  
75 professional practice.
- 76 4. Provide evidence of peer-reviewed scholarship or creativity as appropriate to the  
77 discipline.

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79 Appointment to the regular graduate faculty should be by:

- 80 1. Recommendation of the department chairperson.
- 81 2. Endorsement of the dean of the college.
- 82 3. Approval by the Dean of ~~the~~ Graduate School Studies.
- 83 4. At the time of application, the Dean of Graduate Studies should be supplied with full  
84 documentation supportive of the recommendation of the department and college.

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86 **Associate Graduate Faculty**

87 Members of the associate graduate faculty are responsible for:

- 88 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 ~~2. Or~~ Have completed most requirements where the doctorate is not the terminal degree.  
98 -Or, have a post-graduate degree in the discipline and demonstrated experience deemed  
99 equivalent to one level above the courses being taught or thesis topic. Those requirements  
100 and the review process must be well-defined and documented by the department.  
101 ~~2~~3. 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 ~~4~~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 School Studies.

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112 At the time of application, the ~~Graduate Dean~~ Dean of Graduate Studies should be supplied  
113 with full documentation supportive of the recommendations of the department and college.

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115 **Adjunct Graduate Faculty**

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117 Members of the adjunct graduate faculty are individuals who are authorized to teach  
118 graduate/dual-enrollment classes or serve on master's committees.

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120 Adjunct graduate faculty are expected to:

- 121 1. ~~Possess academic and professional service qualifications demanded for teaching in a~~  
122 ~~particular area of graduate study, or have a post-graduate degree in the area of emphasis~~  
123 ~~and substantial professional experience in that field. Have completed all requirements for~~  
124 ~~the terminal degree except the dissertation where appropriate,~~  
125 -Or have completed most requirements where the doctorate is not the terminal degree.  
126 -Or, have a post-graduate degree in the discipline or demonstrated experience deemed  
127 equivalent to one level above the courses being taught or thesis topic as determined by the

128 department. Those requirements and the review process must be well-defined and  
129 documented by the department.

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- 131 2. Be employed less than full-time by Southeast Missouri State University.
- 132 3. Be reappointed for each specific course they are employed to teach.

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134 Appointment to the adjunct graduate faculty should be by:

- 135 1. Recommendation of the department chairperson.
- 136 2. Endorsement of the dean of the college.
- 137 3. Approval by the Dean of ~~the~~ Graduate School Studies.

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139 At the time of application, the Dean of ~~the~~ Graduate School Studies should be supplied  
140 with full documentation supportive of the recommendation of the department and college.

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142 Approved Faculty Senate Bill 12-A-12, President Review 5/14/12, 15 Day Review  
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146 **PROCEDURES**

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