

COMPARISON OF NEW AND OLD GRADUATE BYLAWS

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Old Bylaws

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Article I: Functions

Title A. General

The Graduate School of the State University of New York at Binghamton encompasses all graduate instructional programs offered in the constituent schools of Harpur College of Arts and Sciences, Thomas J. Watson College of Engineering and Applied Science, School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences, School of Management, Decker College of Nursing and Health Sciences, College of Community and Public Affairs, and the Graduate School. The province and function of the Graduate School are the preparation of students for scholarly or creative study, advanced research, teaching, and professional

knowledge and its applications, and through the development of human resources.

Title B. Specific

1. Through the graduate faculty and its legislative body, the Graduate Council, the Graduate School establishes policies and procedures for the conduct of graduate education offered by the State University of New York at Binghamton.
2. The Graduate School constitutes an academic subdivision within the meaning and intent of Article II, Title C, and in fulfillment of Article VI, Title D, of the Faculty By-Laws of this University.
3. The graduate faculty is responsible, individually and collectively, for the maintenance of high academic standards in all advanced degree programs offered within the Graduate School. Acting either collectively or through its legislative body, the Graduate Council, the graduate faculty is responsible for making recommendations to the Faculty Senate and the Administration for achieving the objectives of graduate education at this University.

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Article II: Membership

The graduate faculty shall consist of two categories:

1. An ex-officio staff of members of the Administration who hold status as voting faculty under the Faculty By-Laws and whose duties and responsibilities bear significantly on the conduct of graduate education at this University Center. The ex-officio staff shall include the President of the University, the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Research, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School (as presiding officer), the Associate Dean of the Graduate School, the Deans and Associate Deans of the several constituent schools of the University, and the Dean of Libraries.
2. An academic staff consisting of those faculty members

recommendation by the chair of the department and approval by the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, other individuals may, in particular situations, serve as instructors of graduate-level courses.

Academic Standards Committee, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School may approve exceptions to these restrictions in specific cases. Upon such approval, individuals who are not members of the graduate faculty may serve as members, but not as chairs, of graduate student thesis or dissertation committees.

4. Only members of the academic staff of the graduate faculty may serve as instructors of graduate-level courses. Upon approval by the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, individuals who are not members of the graduate faculty may, in particular situations, serve as instructors of graduate-level courses.

Article III: Organization and Procedures

Title A. Meetings of the Graduate Faculty

1. **Special Meetings:** Meetings of the graduate faculty shall be called by the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School if petitioned to do so in writing by at least 25 percent of the membership in residence.
2. **Agenda:** Agenda for each special meeting of the graduate faculty must be announced and proposals for action must be distributed to the membership at least two working days before the meeting.
3. **Quorum:** A quorum for regular or special meetings shall consist of two-fifths of the membership in residence.
4. **Minutes:** Minutes of each regular or special meeting shall be prepareds8.48 124.82 323.33 414.67 reW0 0 1 16 .

Title B. The Graduate Council

3. Membership and Voting Privileges

1. All elected members of the Graduate Council shall have voting privileges.
2. b. The following individuals will be the ex officio members with voting privileges: the President of the University, the Provost and Executive Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Research, and the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School.
3. The following individuals shall be ex officio members with no voting privileges: the Dean of Libraries, the Associate and Assistant Deans of the Graduate School, the Associate Deans for Graduate Education of the several colleges and schools, the Associate Vice President for Research, and the

preferences, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School will fill the committees and when necessary solicit additional committee members from faculty holding the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, or Professor; if necessary, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School will consult with members if some assignments are needed to achieve a better balance among schools. The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School will then present to the Graduate Council

6. Standing Committees of the Graduate Council: The following committees shall have the responsibility to review on behalf of the Council all policy matters within their mandates and to recommend actions to the Council on those matters. The committees may also advise the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School on issues within their mandates, with the responsibility to report to the Council on the advice given.

1. **Graduate Budget Advisory Committee:** Advises the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School on the allocation of student support resources; recommends policies with respect to graduate student support levels and duration of support; and advises the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School on other budgetary matters relating to the operation of the Graduate School.
2. **Academic Standards Committee:** Reviews and recommends to the Vice Provost and the Graduate Council criteria for graduate student admissions, academic standards for determining satisfactory progress, and policies and procedures for dismissal from the Graduate School; advises the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School regarding service of non-members of the graduate faculty as instructors in graduate-level courses or on student advisory committees; advises the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School on general academic policy matters within the Graduate School; and recommends to the Graduate Council all major revisions of general academic policy. Reviews By-Laws periodically and recommends revisions as needed.

7.Membership on Standing Committees: The membership of standing committees shall be drawn from among the Graduate Council and faculty holding the rank of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor. Appointments of graduate students to committee membership shall be made by the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School following consultation with the President of the Graduate Student Organization. The members of the Grievance Committee elect their chair. The Associate Dean or designee of the Graduate School, serves as chair of the Academic Standards Committee, the Grievance Committee, and the Diversity Committee, unless the committees choose to elect a chair. The Dean, or designee of the Graduate School, serves as the chair of the Budget Advisory Committee, the Strategic Planning Committee, and the Graduate Student Professional Development Committee, unless the committees choose to elect chairs.

8. Election to the Graduate Council: Election to the Graduate Council shall be in accordance with the following procedures:

1. No later than February 15 each year, the Vice Provost and Graduate Dean shall notify the college and school deans to request graduate directors in their colleges or schools to caucus to select a member to serve from their college, school, or division to serve on Graduate Council. College and school deans shall communicate those selected to the Vice Provost and Graduate Dean no later than March 8.
2. No later than March 1 of each year, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School shall request nominations for election of faculty to Graduate Council from Deans, Department Chairs, Graduate Directors, and graduate faculty.

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3. No later than March 15 of each year, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School shall propose to the Graduate Council a slate of nominees from the faculty at large for election to the Council with terms of office beginning the first day of the next academic year. Names of other academic staff members shall be added to the slate of candidates, provided that each nomination is received by the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School no later than April 1 of each year and is supported by a petition bearing the signatures of no fewer than 5 percent of the graduate faculty in residence. Council nominations shall be chosen from among the members of the academic staff so as to be broadly representative of the Graduate School's major academic sub-divisions. In preparing its nominations, the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School should be cognizant of the distribution of continuing members of the Graduate Council among the various subdivisions. The total number of nom

elected by the above procedure that receive the greatest number of votes.

persons listed on the most recent slate of candidates for formal election to the Graduate Council; whenever possible, they shall be selected from the same academic subdivision as the person whose departure created the vacancy. In the case of a vacancy among members selected from the ranks of graduate directors, the Vice Provost and Graduate Dean shall request the graduate directors from the college, school, or division to name an individual to fill the vacancy. Interim members shall have full voting rights and privileges during their terms

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10. Powers and Responsibilities: Although it is desirable that the membership of the Graduate Council be broadly distributed among the major constituent academic subdivisions of the

and to improve graduate student life at Binghamton University.

8. To recommend areas in which Binghamton University should explore development of new graduate programs.
9. In support of graduate education on this campus, to undertake such other functions and responsibilities as it may deem appropriate when formally requested to do so by the graduate faculty, the Vice Provost, or program graduate committees.

make appropriate recommendations to the Vice President for Research for their revision, continuation, or termination.

8. To recommend to the Vice President for Research priorities for the allocation of Research budgetary resources among the research programs of the University, including the research centers and institutes.
9. In support of graduate education and research on this campus, to undertake such other functions and responsibilities as it may deem appropriate when formally requested to do so by the graduate faculty, the Vice Provost, or program graduate committees.

11. Meetings: The Graduate Council shall hold its regular session once each month during the academic year. Meetings may be in person or virtual as announced in the agenda. Special meetings of the Graduate Council may be called by the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School, or by formal petition of at least 25 percent of the Council membership. Written notices of Council meetings or sessions shall be distributed to Council members and to the administrative offices of constituent schools and departments at least two working days in advance of such meetings or sessions. If 48-hour notice has not been given, a waiver of this requirement may be moved and passed by a two-thirds vote at the special meeting or session.

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Council members. In addition, permanent files will be kept by the Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate

<p>changes in curricula or degree requirements, or new graduate programs.</p>	
<p>Article IV: Adoption of and Amendments to the By-Laws of the Graduate School</p> <p>Title A: Enabling Procedures</p> <p>The initial adoption of these By-Laws shall require the approval of the voting faculty of the State University of New York at Binghamton, in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article VIII of the Faculty By-Laws of this University.</p> <p>Title B: Amendments</p> <p>After the adoption of these By-Laws, amendments thereto shall be recommended by the Graduate Council and/or by a special meeting of the graduate faculty and approved by a majority of the Faculty voting by ballot.</p> <p>Final Approved Draft: April 17, 1980 Revised: June 5, 1981 Revised: January 26, 1988 Revised: December 13, 1988 Revised: February 21, 1990 Revised: December 9, 1991 Revised: September 12, 1994 Revised: April 11, 2001 Revised: May 10, 2004 Revised: February 7, 2007</p>	<p>No change</p>