

Change to R&P 1.3.2.2 Graduate and Research Committee

The committee considers policies and procedures related to graduate education and research.

The responsibilities and duties of the committee include, but are not limited to:

- 1) Develop general policies and procedures related to graduate education and research activities. These are submitted to the Faculty Senate for approval;
- 2) Review the appropriateness and quality of graduate programs and research activities in relation to the educational objectives of the university;
- 3) Review and approve substantive graduate course changes and curriculum proposals (see section 3.2.1) submitted by the colleges. The Graduate and Research Committee (GRC) shall send approved proposals to the Educational Policy Committee for informational purposes prior to the GRC submitting them to the Faculty Senate;
- 4) Interpret and apply faculty rules concerning student or department appeals of petition decisions;
- 5) Establish policies for awarding fellowships and scholarships to graduate departments and programs;
- 6) Recommend approval of the formation or termination of research centers and institutes;
- 7) Recommend policies and procedures to stimulate and coordinate research- related activities.

The committee consists of fourteen elected faculty members, eleven ex officio members, and four non- voting members. The faculty are elected by their colleges to three-year, staggered terms, four from the College of Arts and Sciences, two from the College of Business and Economics, four from the P.C. Rossin College of Engineering and Applied Science, two from the College of Health, and two from the College of Education. Ex officio members are the Vice President and Associate Provost for Research and Graduate Studies, the Assistant Vice President of the Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, the Deputy Provost for Graduate Education, a designated Associate Dean from each of the five Colleges, and the Associate Dean of Graduate Student Life, ~~and two Senators selected by the Faculty Senate~~. The Registrar or his/her delegate serves as a non-voting member of the Graduate and Research Committee. Two graduate students selected by the Graduate Student Senate, and one undergraduate student selected by the Student Senate, also serve as non-voting members.

One of the elected faculty members shall chair the committee or two elected members shall co-chair the committee. The term of the chair/co-chairs begins on July 1.

The minutes of the committee are sent to the Faculty Senate President and posted on the Lehigh University faculty website.

The committee chairperson (or another committee member) serves as an ex-officio member in the Senate Subcommittees on Research and Academic and Student Affairs.

Rationale:

The make-up of GRC was revised in 2019 to accommodate the newly-created Faculty Senate. At that time, it was decided to have representatives from GRC serve on two Senate subcommittees, Research Environment and Academic and Student Affairs, and to have two representatives from the Senate serve as ex-officio members of the Senate. Having operated this way for a little over a year, the Senate rep to GRC feels that Senate representation on GRC is redundant, and that GRC representation on the subcommittees is sufficient to allow productive interaction between GRC and the Senate. After consultation with the Senate President and chair of the Research Environment Subcommittee, we propose that R&P be revised to remove Senate representatives from GRC.