

## CURRENT

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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 university faculty.
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 twelve elected faculty members, seven 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, and two from the College of Education. Ex officio members are the Vice Provost for Research, the Director of Office of Research and Sponsored Programs, Deans of the four Colleges, and the Director of Graduate Student Life. 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 Provost's Office and posted on the Lehigh University faculty website.

The committee chairperson (or one of the two co-chairs) represents the Graduate and Research Committee as a member of the Faculty Steering Committee.

PROPOSED:

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#### RATIONALE:

With the creation of the new Faculty Senate, a new set of structures that will allow for the GRC to interface with that body are required. Two new subcommittees have been created by the Senate to oversee matters that fall under GRC's purview: the Research Subcommittee and the Academic and Student Affairs Subcommittee. The GRC values open and sustained communication between the GRC and those subcommittees, and with the Senate as a whole. To facilitate communication and to advocate for graduate education and research, the GRC proposes two avenues of communication and partnership: 1) We invite the Senate to send two members of that body to attend GRC meetings as ex-officio members; 2) We request that a member of GRC serve as an ex-officio member in each relevant Senate Subcommittee. Further, the GRC will submit minutes to the Faculty Senate President. We believe that these two methods will help the GRC to keep the Senate informed of important GRC work and will also facilitate the process of transmitting GRC work and resolutions to the Senate.

The GRC is open to discussion with the Faculty Senate to fine-tune these proposed R&P changes. We look forward to continuing to work with the Faculty Senate on these important issues.