

## Recommended Changes to Graduate School Operating Paper from the Graduate Council

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The recommended changes are grouped into two categories:

I = minor grammatical or language changes to clean up or update the section or clarify meaning, but which do not change the meaning (“housekeeping” changes); there are 21 total.

II = language change resulting in some change in content of meaning; there are 8 total.

Changes are indicated on the corresponding copy of the Operating Papers through changes marked in the text and comments in margin, where changes of each type (I or II) are numbered consecutively. For clarity, these changes are also described below, listed separately for each section (but numbered consecutively).

### **SECTION ONE - INTRODUCTION**

#### ***Type I changes (new wording in bold):***

(change number) section number

(change I.1.) I.A. replace “meshing” with “integrating” and “and for integrating both programs into a total effort of the” with “to promote the,” changing final sentence to: “The Graduate School has a primary concern with **integrating** research and graduate instruction into mutually supporting programs **to promote the** highest level of excellence.”

(change I.2.) I.B. replace “Associate Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Research and Dean of the Graduate School” with “**Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean**”. At end of section, to clarify the different reporting and responsibility areas of the individual in this role, insert “**This document addresses solely the responsibilities and role of this individual as Dean of the Graduate School unless otherwise noted, and thus**” preceding “the individual holding this position is hereinafter referred to as the “Graduate Dean’ ”.

(change I.3.) II.A.3. replace “Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost” with “**Provost and Senior Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs**” reflecting position title change.

(change I.4.) II.A.3. delete “and line functions” after “staff” for clarity.

(change I.5.) II.B.1. change “inseparably linked” to “**inseparable**”

(change I.6.) II.B.1.a. change “and a participation” to “and participation” (remove ‘a’).

(change I.7.) II.B.1.d. delete and add words as indicated below, for language more appropriate to SIUC’s classification now as a research-intensive institution: “An important reason for conducting research in a University setting, as opposed to some other setting, is<sup>1</sup> **to advance knowledge through education and training of students. The** interaction between faculty members and graduate students<sup>2</sup> underlies the students’ instruction and enriches<sup>3</sup> research **and current education** of both faculty members and students.”

(**Bold** are additions, and deletions are: <sup>1</sup> “the opportunity for the”, <sup>2</sup> “which”, <sup>3</sup> “the”).

(change I.8.) II.B.2.a. Replace “of collegial participation” with “**to participate**” for clarity.

(change I.9.) III. Replace “drawn up” with “**written**” for clarity.

***Type II changes:***

(change II.1.) I.C. In sentence “The Graduate Faculty is empowered to determine university-wide policy concerning the graduate programs and concerning research activities.” Remove “and concerning research activities.” In following two sentences, replace “can” with “may” and insert “may” in second, so that these sentences as relate to faculty oversight of research activities now read: “The Graduate Faculty is empowered to determine university-wide policy concerning the graduate programs. The Graduate Faculty **may** formulate and recommend policy regarding research-related operations, activities and incentives, provided compliance with all regulatory and funding agencies is ensured. The Graduate Faculty **may** evaluate and recommend changes to new and existing university policy.”

**Rationale:** The role and empowerment of the Graduate Faculty in formulating research policy should be modified and restricted, reflecting the 21<sup>st</sup> century reality that many research policies are now dictated and driven by regulations and requirements of laws, governmental agencies, and external granting agencies that supersede campus views; these are most simply addressed through changes in campus policy designed by the Office of Research and Development Administration.

## **SECTION TWO – ORGANIZATION OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL**

***Type I changes (new wording in bold):***

(change number) section number

(change I.10.) I.A.1.c. Replace “graduate” with “**doctoral**” for clarification of this section dealing with direct dissertation status. Also, insert “**direct**” to clarify last phrase, “...eligible to **direct** doctoral dissertations.”

(change I.11.) I.A.1.f. Insert “**at SIUC**” to clarify phrase: “Faculty at Southern Illinois University Edwardsville may be granted direct dissertation status **at SIUC** subject to the following conditions:”

(change I.12.) I.A.1.h.v. Insert “**is**” for grammatical clarity in final phrase: “and **is** approved by the Graduate Dean.”

(change I.13.) I.B.1.c. Replace “to overlaps of less” with “**if appointments overlap less**”.

(change I.14.) I.B.6.b. Add “s” to “Committee” [make plural].

(change I.15.) II.A.1. Replace “Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost” with “**Chancellor**” (since Dean is now a combined Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean position, search committees report to the Chancellor).

(change I.16.) II.A.2. Replace “Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost” with “**Chancellor**” (since Dean is now a combined Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean position, search committees report to the Chancellor).

(change I.17.) II.B.3. Replace “responsibility, under the Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs and Provost, for both line and staff functions regarding the administration of...” with “responsibility **for the central** administration of...”, for simplification, clarification, and to reflect the changed reporting structure of the Vice Chancellor for Research and Graduate Dean.

(change I.18.) II.C.3. Replace “the factual bases” with “**information**” for clarification.

(change I.19.) II.C.12. Change “Making unremitting efforts to coordinate” to “**Assisting in coordinating and facilitating**”, for clarity.

### ***Type II changes***

(change II.2.) I.A.1.1. Replace “No more than one emeritus or adjunct faculty shall serve on such committees except on cooperative agreements with other universities.” with “**All masters-level graduate committees must include at least two members and all doctoral-level committees must include at least four members with regular and/or direct dissertation graduate faculty status at SIUC. There are no limits on the number of adjunct or emeritus committee members; however, all such members must have their credentials approved by the Graduate School before committee approval, and a majority of committee members must be active SIUC faculty.**”

**Rationale:** Programs are encouraged to have external members on graduate committees, as these individuals can provide endorsement and validation of the strength of programs and students at SIUC, and some programs routinely include more than one external member or combination of external and emeritus members. This change removes the need for special requests and permission from the Associate Dean of the Graduate School for each such case, while assuring that SIUC retains the majority voice and direction in the content of SIUC these and dissertations.

[Special Note: Graduate Council passed a resolution for this change on May 4, 2000, but due to an oversight with the summer hiatus and change in the Associate Dean, it was not brought to the Graduate Faculty for a vote until now.]

(change II.3.) I.A.2.a. Replace “having to do with research and” with “**that directly affect**”, so first part of section reads: “The Graduate Faculty is empowered to determine policy on all matters **that directly affect** graduate programs, except as authority is otherwise assigned by the *Statutes of the Board of Trustees...*”

**Rationale:** It is no longer appropriate to indicate that Graduate Faculty **determine** all policy on research because of the many laws and external policies and regulations constraining research policy. This change requires the accompanying word addition for clarity. Graduate Council believes that the role of the Graduate Faculty in guiding and recommending research policy is adequately addressed elsewhere in the document.

(change II.4.) I.A.2.a. At the end of this section, remove “or as its autonomy is legitimately and expressly limited, in writing, by correct academic and administrative relations with other units of the University.”

**Rationale:** As written, this phrase is considered vague in language (what are “correct” relations?) and also unnecessary. The preceding language on the limits of authority as defined in the *Statutes of the Board of Trustees* are believed to be a sufficient description of defined limitations.

(change II.5.) I.B.4.b.xvi. Remove entire section

**Rationale:** This has never been done formally and seems unnecessary holdover from the initial construction of the Graduate Council.

(change II.6.) I.B.4.b.xvii. Remove entire section

**Rationale:** This has never been done formally and seems unnecessary holdover from the initial construction of a formal Graduate Faculty.

(change II.7.) II.A.2. Remove much of language, to shorten charge to search committee to: “The search committee will **provide an advisory recommendation to** the Chancellor.” (see also change I.16.) (removing “in such a manner as may be helpful, significant, and a meaningful reflection of the joint concerns of the faculty and the administration as to research and graduate studies.”)

**Rationale:** Prior language was unnecessarily detailed and could even be limiting of the types of information provided by the search committee.

(change II.8.) II.D. Change “appointed by the Chairperson of the Graduate Council” to “**nominated by the Chairperson of the Graduate Council and approved by the entire Graduate Council**”.

**Rationale:** The committee for review of the Graduate Dean serves a very important function for the Graduate Council, and it is more appropriate that the members be approved by the entire Council after nomination by the chair rather than merely appointed.

### **SECTION THREE – RULES OF PROCEDURE AND BYLAWS**

#### ***Type I changes (new wording in bold):***

(change number) section number

(change I.20.) II.E. Section on Election of Officers needed a separate heading, and so it is added.

(change I.21.) II.E. (now II.F.) Miscellaneous other comments needed to be separated from material on Election with own heading; this is done, with the heading “**Other**”.

*No Type II changes.*

### **SECTION FOUR – AMENDMENT AND REAPPORTIONMENT**

*No changes*