

GRADUATE COUNCIL REPORT TO THE UNIVERSITY SENATE

DATE: January 2014

FROM: The Graduate School

The Graduate Council submits the following proposed academic policies from the **December 12, 2013** meeting for consideration:

- I. Graduate Faculty Policy



POLICY & PROCEDURE DOCUMENT

NUMBER:

DIVISION: Academic Affairs

TITLE: Graduate Faculty

DATE: November 11, 2013

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I. Purpose and Scope

The Operating Papers for the Graduate School define Graduate Faculty for Western Kentucky University. The proposed policy seeks to define, simplify and clarify a university policy for designation of Graduate Faculty.

II. Policy

The Graduate Faculty of WKU shall be those members of the faculty as defined in the Faculty Handbook.

III. Procedure

To be appointed as a member of the Graduate Faculty a WKU faculty member must:

- Hold a terminal degree or have commensurate professional experience considered appropriate by the department or program.
- Have the recommendation of the academic unit in which the faculty member has his/her primary appointment.
- Be approved by the Dean of the Graduate School.

Appointment to the Graduate Faculty may be included in the faculty member's appointment letter. Continuing appointment as a member of the Graduate Faculty will be determined through the annual performance evaluation process as defined in the Faculty Handbook.

IV. Related Policies

1.4020 Program Review; 1.1110 Faculty Credentials; 1.1064 Access to Academic Affairs Electronic Personnel Files; 1.5050 Program Coordinators