

Graduate Council

1. Charge

The Faculty delegates certain of its powers with respect to Graduate Education to the Graduate Council. The duties of the Graduate Council are:

- a. To set policy for the Graduate School subject to the approval of the Faculty and the Board of Fellows, such policy to include the conditions for admission to the Graduate School and the procedures for the award of graduate fellowships and scholarships;
- b. To supervise degree requirements;
- c. To approve new courses and other modifications of existing degree programs; and to approve and recommend to the Faculty new degree programs. It shall refer all educational offerings that come to it that have a significant undergraduate component to the joint subcommittee on undergraduate and graduate instruction.
- d. To review graduate programs periodically, but at least once every five years, in consultation with the departments; and
- e. To make annual reports to the Faculty of its activities during the preceding year.
- f. It shall refer to the Academic Priorities Committee all questions that require Faculty action pertaining to: (a) educational matters that affect all students in the University; (b) changes in the requirements of the Graduate School or of the School of Medicine that impinge on undergraduate education.

2. Membership

The Graduate Council shall consist of the Dean of the Graduate School, Chair; the Associate Dean of Research in the Division of Biology and Medicine; the University Librarian; the Associate Deans of the Graduate School, non-voting; all ex-officio; and eight other members of the Faculty and four graduate students chosen in the manners specified below.

Each department of the University shall select one member of its staff as its Representative for Graduate Work. These Representatives shall be available to furnish liaison between the department and the Graduate Council and to act as an advisory body on matters relating to graduate instruction.

3. Method of Election

The Committee on Nominations shall be responsible for nominating candidates for Council membership, at least one from each of the four divisions listed in Section 12, II. Council members shall not succeed themselves nor shall two consecutive terms be filled from any one Department.

The Graduate Student Council shall elect to the Graduate Council four graduate students, no two students to be from the same department. The term of a graduate student's membership shall be one year, renewable at the Graduate Student Council's pleasure for a second year. The Graduate Student Council shall also elect annually one student alternate member of the Graduate Council. The student alternate shall be a non-voting member, and shall replace a regular student member as a voting member only in the event of resignation in order to serve for the remainder of the term of office of the member who has resigned.

4. Organization

The Council shall annually elect a Vice Chair from among its elected faculty members; the Vice Chair shall preside in the absence of the Chair. The Chair shall appoint a Secretary from among the Associate Deans of the Graduate School. The Council shall meet regularly, at least once a month. Its meetings shall be open to the University community, but the Council may go into executive session when it sees fit.

5. Recommendation for Degrees

Candidates for graduate degrees shall be recommended to the Board of Fellows by the Faculty. An officer of instruction of professorial rank at Brown University may not be a candidate for an advanced degree.