
Proposal to Clarify Faculty Policies and Procedures
3.05.H. Regarding the Policy on Academic Staff as Advisors

Recent requests made of the Graduate School, and subsequent conversations between the University Committee and the Dean of the Graduate School, have revealed a need for clarification of a section of *FPP* relating to the role of academic staff. Section 3.05.H. (below) consists of a single sentence that could be interpreted to allow the dean of the Graduate School to grant academic staff authority equivalent to that of the graduate faculty with regard to the advising of graduate students. After discussion and analysis of other sections of *FPP*, as well as historical campus practice, the University Committee believes that the intent of this section was to grant academic staff the same rights as graduate faculty members with regard to graduate training programs, but not with regard to advising graduate students. The intent of the proposed modification below is to make that distinction clear.

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