

FACULTY SENATE RESOLUTION 11-17

“Elections for Members of the LSU Graduate Council”

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Whereas the LSU Board of Supervisors Bylaws and Regulations 1-2.7. on the establishment of the Graduate Council on each campus offering graduate work states that each campus shall formulate a policy regarding the operation of the Graduate Council, including membership, length of terms, and function to advise the Dean of the Graduate School in the administration of the academic affairs and policies of the Graduate School; and

Whereas Board of Supervisors Bylaws and Regulations 1-2.2b. grants authority to the faculty to generally determine educational policy, subject to the authority of the Board; and

Whereas Faculty Senate Resolution 10-03 “Replacing the Current System of Appointments with a New System of Elections for Members of the Graduate Council” that recommended the election of all members, other than ex officio members, of the Graduate Council and reaffirmed its commitment to and responsibility for shared governance in establishing curricula, fixing standards of instruction, and determining requirements for graduate degree programs was adopted March 15, 2010; and

Whereas Faculty Senate Resolution 10-03 recommended that a policy on Graduate Council members on the LSU campus be sent to the LSU System that called for elections within each College or School by the Graduate School to provide membership representing the breadth of disciplines on the LSU campus, and

Whereas it has been 18 months without any activity from the Graduate School to hold elections for Graduate Council membership,

Therefore be it resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate again calls upon the Graduate School to hold elections for Graduate Council membership, and

Therefore be it further resolved that the LSU Faculty Senate Executive Committee will begin the process of elections on January 31, 2012 for Graduate Council membership within each College or School according to the allocation plan proposed in Faculty Senate Resolution 10-03 if the election process has not been initiated by the Graduate School by January 31, 2012.

(Faculty Senate Resolution 10-03 adopted March 15, 2010 and the allocation plan is attached for reference)

Graduate Council Membership

The Graduate Council is composed of faculty who consider policy matters related to the Graduate School and who advise the Dean of the Graduate School in the administration of academic affairs and policies of the Graduate School. To provide membership representing the breadth of disciplines on the LSU campus, each College or School overseen by a dean and that offers a graduate program of study at LSU are represented on the Graduate Council such that units that award less than 9% of graduate degrees are allocated one member on the Graduate Council whereas units that award more than 9% of the graduate degrees are allocated two members on the Graduate Council. Allocations will be recalculated each decade; allocations for 2010 through 2019 are based on degrees awarded from 1999-2000 through 2008-2009 as reported by the LSU Office of Budget and Planning. Members will be graduate faculty with outstanding records of scholarly and creative activities, who do not currently hold administrative positions, who are full Professors, and who are full Members of the Graduate Faculty. The overall membership of the Council will represent the diversity of faculty and students. Members will serve a term of five years, with membership end dates staggered to provide for continuity of the Council Activities. The Graduate School will hold elections within each College or School as needed to fill positions; all Graduate Faculty within those Colleges or Schools are eligible to nominate and vote. Members of the Graduate Council will elect from themselves a Chair who will serve a one-year term. The Dean of the Graduate School and the Associate Dean of the Graduate School are ex officio members with the same rights as other members except that they may not serve as chair of the Graduate Council or chair of subcommittees of the Graduate Council.

Allocating the members of the Graduate Council among the colleges and schools overseen by a dean and that offer a graduate program of study in a manner that represents the diversity of faculty and students.

unit	departments	M.S. programs	Ph.D. programs	M.S. degrees ^b	Ph.D. degrees ^b	total degrees ^b	% of degrees	membership allocation
Ourso College of Business Administration	3	5	6	2,521	157	2,678	18.2	2
College of Arts and Sciences	11	17	11	1,503	911	2,414	16.4	2
College of Education	2	3	3	1,458	354	1,812	12.3	2
College of Engineering ^a	6	7	6	1,147	382	1,529	10.4	2
College of Agriculture ^a	12	15	11	983	527	1,510	10.3	2
College of Basic Sciences	7	9	7	778	643	1,421	9.7	2
School of Social Work	1	1	1	995	20	1,015	6.9	1
School of Library and Information Science	1	1		717		717	4.9	1
School of Music and Dramatic Arts	2	2	3	377	210	587	4.0	1
School of Art and Design	3	4		387		387	2.6	1
School of the Coast and Environment	2	2	1	226	93	319	2.2	1
Manship School of Mass Communication	1	1	1	151	20	171	1.2	1
School of Veterinary Medicine	3	3	3	68	97	165	1.1	1
TOTAL	54	70	53	11,349	3,414	14,763	100	19

^a These data were not adjusted to reflect that M.S. degrees with a major in Biological and Agricultural Engineering are awarded by the College of Agriculture but are reported by the Office of Planning and Budget as in the College of Engineering.

^b The number of graduate degrees were determined from data available on the website of the LSU Office of Budget and Planning for the years 1999-2000 through 2008-2009. These numbers were modified to remove degrees credited to the Graduate School, which is a practice that ended in 2000-2001.