

**Resolution to Establish Graduate Faculty**  
Educational Policy and Student Affairs (EPSA) Committee  
Faculty Senate  
April 2, 2018 – First Reading

**Whereas** the Ohio Chancellor of Higher Education, through the Chancellor’s Council on Graduate Studies (CCGS), requires an accounting of the adequacy of faculty resources before approving new academic programs, specialized areas of concentration, and certificates;

**Whereas** the Higher Learning Commission distinguishes between instructors teaching in undergraduate and graduate programs for faculty qualification purposes; and

**Whereas** the Graduate College was re-established in 2008 and seeks to employ best practices in its graduate academic programs commensurate with other universities in the State of Ohio, nationally, and internationally.

**Be it resolved** that Ohio University will establish a Graduate Faculty by adding a new subsection in Faculty Handbook, Section II.C;

**4. Graduate Faculty**

- a. The Graduate Faculty are persons qualified to participate in faculty roles in graduate programs at Ohio University. It is a designation separate from Faculty Rank and Faculty Status as defined in the Faculty Handbook.
- b. Colleges, departments, schools, or programs determine minimum criteria necessary to qualify persons as Graduate Faculty. Criteria use credentials and/or experience appropriate to their discipline. Minimum criteria may vary by roles and/or responsibilities. Criteria are publicly available and reviewed periodically by colleges, departments, schools, or programs.
- c. Colleges, departments, schools, or programs review persons eligible for Graduate Faculty membership using stated criteria.
- d. Persons denied Graduate Faculty membership may appeal the decision using the grievance procedure processes outlined in the Faculty Handbook.
- e. Colleges, departments, schools, or programs may also establish criteria to appoint persons as Affiliate Graduate Faculty to individuals who are not Graduate Faculty at Ohio University. As examples, a college, department, school, or program may appoint (a) faculty who hold faculty rank or status at another University or (b) subject matter experts with appropriate qualifications as Affiliate Graduate Faculty. Colleges, departments, schools, or programs determine roles and responsibilities for persons designated as Affiliate Graduate Faculty.