

Graduate Faculty Status Policy
Department of Retail Merchandising and Product Development
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Definition of Graduate Faculty Status

Membership in the Graduate faculty authorizes faculty to teach all graduate-level courses, to sit on all graduate-level committees, to chair all graduate students dissertation committees, and to participate fully in all components of graduate education, research, and service. Limitation or removal of any of these authorizations from individual GFS-faculty is delegated to the unit level authority where such assignments are made.

Nomination Criteria

A faculty member must have an earned doctoral degree or its equivalent from a recognized university; proven expertise in the teaching area and demonstrated research activity as evidenced by peer reviewed publications; and nominees must be approved by a 2/3 majority vote of the department faculty holding GFS, the Department Chair, Dean of the College, and the Dean of the Graduate School.

Limitations/Restrictions

Faculty holding GFS are expected to engage actively in graduate education through teaching, mentoring and research supervision. They should show evidence of research-based scholarship and/or creative work resulting in peer-reviewed publications or equivalent work.

Faculty members holding GFS will have their performance reviewed annually by the Department Chair for his/her approval and that of the Dean of the College of Human Sciences.