

Faculty Senate Resolution 10-03

“Replacing the Current System of Appointments with a New System of Elections for Members of the Graduate Council”

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Whereas the Faculty Senate is a major institutional component of shared governance at LSU and is charged to establish curricula, fix standards of instruction, determine requirements for degrees, and generally determine educational policy for the University, subject to the authority of the Board of Supervisors;

Whereas PS-45 states that “All actions involving graduate degree programs are considered by the LSU Graduate Council. All actions involving individual courses or undergraduate degree programs are considered by the Courses and Curricula Committee of the LSU Faculty Senate, after consideration by the relevant College or School level committee;”

Whereas the LSU Faculty Senate is an elected body and thus academic policies regarding undergraduate education are developed in a manner compatible with principles of shared-governance;

Whereas policy regarding the Graduate Council at LSU states that “The Graduate Council is composed of faculty who consider policy matters related to the Graduate School and advise the Dean of the Graduate School in the administration of academic affairs and polices of the Graduate School. To provide membership representing the breadth of disciplines on the LSU campus, the Graduate Council shall consist of one member from each College or School overseen by a dean and that offers a graduate program of study at LSU, and three additional members appointed at large. Members will be graduate faculty with outstanding records of scholarly and creative activities, who do not currently hold administrative positions. The overall membership of the Council will represent the diversity of faculty and students. The Dean of each College or School will nominate at least two but not more than three graduate faculty members from the unit, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will also be asked to submit up to three nominees for each position. Appointments for the College and School positions selected from these nominations will be made by the Graduate Dean with the concurrence of the Provost. Members at large will be appointed by the Graduate Dean with the concurrence of the Provost. Members will serve a term of five years, with membership end dates staggered to provide for continuity of the Council Activities;”

Whereas the Graduate Council is appointed by the Chancellor and thus academic policies regarding graduate degree programs are developed in a manner incompatible with principles of shared-governance;

Therefore be it resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends the election of all members, other than ex officio members, of the Graduate Council and reaffirms its commitment to and

responsibility for shared governance in establishing curricula, fixing standards of instruction, and determining requirements for graduate degree programs;

Therefore be it further resolved that the Faculty Senate recommends that the following policy be sent forward to the LSU System as policy regarding the Graduate Council on the LSU campus.

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, ~~the Graduate Council shall consist of one member from each College or School overseen by a dean and that offers a graduate program of study at LSU, and three additional members appointed at large.~~ 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. ~~The Dean of each College or School will nominate at least two but not more than three graduate faculty members from the unit, and the Faculty Senate Executive Committee will also be asked to submit up to three nominees for each position. Appointments for the College and School positions selected from these nominations will be made by the Graduate Dean with the concurrence of the Provost. Members at large will be appointed by the Graduate Dean with the concurrence of the Provost.~~ 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	2521	157	2678	18.2	2
College of Arts and Sciences	11	17	11	1503	911	2414	16.4	2
College of Education	2	3	3	1458	354	1812	12.3	2
College of Engineering ^a	6	7	6	1147	382	1529	10.4	2
College of Agriculture ^a	12	15	11	983	527	1510	10.3	2
College of Basic Sciences	7	9	7	778	643	1421	9.7	2
School of Social Work	1	1	1	995	20	1015	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.