

Graduate Council

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Dean of the Graduate School

The Graduate Council formulates and recommends policies and procedures related to graduate education to the president of the university. Faculty membership on the Graduate Council is limited to members of the graduate faculty*; three elected members from each of the following colleges: Business, Education and Human Services, Science and Engineering, and Humanities, Social Sciences, and Arts; and one elected member from the College of Agricultural Sciences and Natural Resources. Student membership includes one elected student at the master's/specialist level and one at the doctoral level. The dean of the Graduate School and the associate dean of the Graduate School serve as chair and vice chair, respectively.

Only graduate faculty members are eligible to vote in the election of their colleagues to the Graduate Council. Each college nominates and elects by ballot the number of faculty members to fill vacant seats or expired terms allotted to that college. All faculty members elected to the Graduate Council serve staggered three-year terms from September 1 following their election. Standing committees are chaired by members of the Graduate Council and composed of members selected from the Graduate Council. Ad hoc committees may be formed by the Dean of the Graduate School, with the committee chair being a member of the Graduate Council, and committee members selected from the total graduate faculty. See the [Graduate Council website](#) for a list of members, meeting dates, and committees.

*See *Graduate Faculty Membership* in Section IV of this handbook for more information on appointment to graduate faculty status. A&M-Commerce Procedure [12.04.99.R0.03](#) describes the role, bylaws, and guidelines for the Graduate Council.