

# **Proposed changes to Graduate Bylaws and Graduate Council**

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## **Proposal #1: Split out Grad Council Bylaws and Grad Academic Policies**

**Proposed change:** Move program policies from the bylaws to the graduate catalog.

The Graduate Council bylaws have become quite long, more than 20 pages, and hard to manage. They include detailed academic policies unrelated to the operation of that committee.

“Bylaws” should describe rules for how an organization functions: membership, how meetings are organized, voting, and scope.

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*The Graduate Bylaws would continue to include:*

- Mission and purpose of the Graduate Council,
- Membership,
- Procedures for revising and approving graduate programs (with Senate approval), and
- Procedures for program suspension, reinstatement, and elimination.

*Regulations and requirements regarding the programs themselves would be placed in the catalog, including:*

- Guidelines for degree designations for graduate programs
- Regulations applying to all graduate programs
- Regulations and requirements for graduate certificate programs
- Regulations and requirements for master's degree programs
- Regulations and requirements for PlusOne degree combinations
- Regulations and requirements for professional doctorate degree programs
- Regulations and requirements for CAGS
- Regulations and requirements for the PhD
- Regulations and requirements for interdisciplinary graduate degrees

## **Proposal #2: Rename the Graduate Council**

**Proposed change:** Rename the Graduate Council to the University Graduate Curriculum Committee (UGCC)

This name is consistent with the name of the UGCC and would reduce confusion about what the Graduate Council does.

## Resolutions



BE IT RESOLVED That the updated Graduate Council Bylaws replace the current Graduate Council Bylaws, as edited and recommended by the Graduate Affairs Committee.

BE IT RESOLVED That the “Graduate Council” be renamed the “University Graduate Curriculum Committee,” and the “Graduate Council Bylaws” be renamed the “University Graduate Curriculum Committee Bylaws,” as recommended by the Graduate Affairs Committee.