

Graduate Education Council By-Laws

Per Agreement between the boards of higher education and the Massachusetts Teachers Association/NEA Massachusetts State College Association---July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2017

Establishment of a Graduate Education Council

With effect on September 1, 2014, there shall be established at each University at which there is a graduate education program a Graduate Education Council.

The membership thereof shall be as follows:

The President of the University shall appoint three (3) administrators who shall serve at his/her discretion.

Under the auspices of the Association, ten (10) members of the graduate faculty shall be selected from among all members of the graduate faculty of the University, provided, however, that in the case of the Massachusetts College of Art and Design, the Massachusetts College of Liberal Arts and the Massachusetts Maritime Academy, the Graduate Education Council shall be composed of five (5) members of the graduate faculty; and

The members of the council selected pursuant to the foregoing provisions shall elect one (1) member who shall be a student at the University enrolled in two (2) or more graduate courses in a semester.

The terms of office of members of the council shall commence on the September 1 following said selection and shall end on the next following August 31. Whenever a vacancy shall have occurred in the membership of the council, such vacancy shall be filled pursuant to the applicable provisions of the foregoing paragraph.

Responsibilities of the Graduate Education Council

Matters in respect of which the council may make reports and recommendations shall be the following:

The changing of course requirements within the existing graduate curricula.

The addition of new courses and identification of the department to which the courses are to be assigned and the deletion of existing courses within such curricula; and the criteria to be applied in designating as such members of the graduate faculty.

The council shall receive and may solicit from the academic departments of the University recommendations pertaining to the preceding item (iii).

The council shall also hear appeals from graduate students to the University's graduate program.

Reporting Procedure Applicable to the Graduate Education Council

Anything in this Article VII to the contrary notwithstanding, every report and recommendation made by the Graduate Education Council shall be transmitted directly to the President of the University through the Vice President, and a copy thereof shall be transmitted to the Chapter President and to the Department Chair of each department that sponsors a graduate program.

No such report or recommendation shall be required to be transmitted to the All-University Committee or to any standing or other committee thereof.

The Graduate Education Council shall send copies of minutes and its agenda to the All-University Committee.