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Graduate Faculty Status Category Change Update Fall 2018

As updated in the recent Council of Deans Meeting, there will now be three graduate faculty status classifications. The additional category was proposed by Graduate Council and approved by Faculty Senate and the Board of Trustees.

The Categories are defined as follows:

Category I: teaching of master's and doctoral courses and serving as a member of thesis and dissertation committees – for duration of faculty's appointment at the University

Category II: Category I responsibilities plus directing of master's theses
- 5-year renewal cycle

Category III: Category II responsibilities plus directing of doctoral dissertations
- 5-year renewal cycle

To ensure minimum quality standards on a university-wide basis, the following shall be the minimum criteria for applying and being recommended for Category I: Candidates must possess a terminal degree appropriate to their field.

Process:

Current Graduate Faculty:

- If they are current Category I status, upon completion of their current graduate faculty appointment, they will be placed on new Category I status, or they can apply for either new Category II or III status
- If they are current Category II status, upon completion of their current graduate faculty appointment, they will be placed on new Category I status, or they can apply for either new Category II or III status
- Faculty will continue to have new Category I status for appointment duration, renewal is not required

New Graduate Faculty:

- New faculty holding a terminal degree appropriate to their field may apply for Category I status by completing the 'Graduate Faculty Application', checking the *Category I* box and obtaining chair and dean signatures - no additional materials are required
- New faculty may also apply for Category II or III status as they meet the additional requirements