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TO: Faculty Senate
c/o Codification and Senate Rules
University Committee

FROM: Jason Puskar, Graduate Faculty Committee Chair

RE: Graduate Faculty Committee Documents

Graduate faculty governance was brought under the Faculty Senate during the 2007-08 academic year. Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC) documents were transmitted to the Senate based on the Academic Approval Matrix of the time. The matrix was expanded to include policies, in agreement with Senate Policies and Procedures, providing an impetus to develop a procedure to bring GFC policies to the Senate.

A collaboration between relevant faculty governance committees (GFC, Codification and UC) and the administrative support units (Graduate School and Secretary of the University) created a staged plan to bring existing graduate policy documents to the Senate.

Some of the policy documents were transmitted to the Faculty Senate in February 2018 along with the following motion:

**Motion:** The Graduate Faculty Committee (GFC) recommends that Faculty Senate grandfather in GFC policy documents approved between 1996 to 2017. All of these documents have been approved according to GFC policies and procedures. All have been functioning as settled policy already. In bringing them to Senate now, the goal is to assign them Faculty Document numbers so that they become part of central policies and procedures. Any recommendations for changes should be brought before GFC as revisions to existing policy.

The review of the remaining GFC policy documents is now complete. All the active GFC policy documents are being transmitted with this memo for Fall 2018 Senate consideration. The GFC motion above should be applied to the entire set of transmitted policies, with the year of the oldest active policy being 1987.

cc: Marija Gajdardziska-Josifovska, Dean of the Graduate School
    Trudy Turner, Secretary of the University
    Vicky Everson, Graduate Governance Coordinator
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