8.14 Graduate Council

8.14.1 Purpose. The Graduate Council reviews and sets policy regarding graduate academic affairs on the Riverside campus. (Am 27 May 14)

8.14.2 Membership. This committee consists of at least fifteen members of the Division, including at least one member from each school and college. The Dean of the Graduate Division serves as a non-voting ex officio, and may not serve as Chair or Vice Chair of the Council. One member of the committee will serve as the Divisional representative to the University Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs. (Am 5 Nov 87) (Am 29 May 97) (Am Nov 02) (Am 17 Feb 09)

8.14.3 Duties. It is the duty of this committee to:

8.14.3.1 Make recommendations to the Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs, with the prior approval of the Division, concerning (a) the qualifications of departments and graduate curricula for initiating new programs leading to existing graduate degrees, and (b) the establishment of new graduate degrees;

8.14.3.2 Coordinate the procedures in the Division relating to the conferring of degrees higher than the Bachelor's Degree;

8.14.3.3 Set policies and standards for
admission to graduate status; (En 20 Mar 75)

8.14.2.4 Set standards for appointment of graduate students to be Teaching Assistants, Teaching Fellows, Research Assistants, and recipients of University Fellowships; (En 20 Mar 75)

8.14.2.5 Admit qualified students to candidacy for graduate degrees;

8.14.2.6 Recommend the award of fellowships and graduate scholarships, including honorary traveling fellowships, according to the terms of the various foundations;

8.14.2.7 Appoint committees in charge of candidates' studies, who shall certify that every candidate recommended for a higher degree has fulfilled the requirements of the University pertaining to that degree; (Am 21 Nov 06)

8.14.2.8 Supervise the conduct of public and other examinations for higher degrees;

8.14.2.9 Make final report to the Division on the conferring of graduate degrees;

8.14.2.10 Conduct periodic peer reviews (internal or extramural) of continuing graduate degree programs; and regulate in other ways the work of the Graduate Division, with a view to the promotion of research and learning; (Am 29 May 97)

8.14.2.11 Report and make recommendations to the Division on matters pertaining to graduate work;

8.14.2.12 Advise the Chancellor concerning relations with educational and research foundations; Limit at its discretion the number of credit hours of students who are employed; (Am 29 May 97)

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**Statement of Purpose and Effect:**
The Bylaws have been updated to clarify the purpose, membership and duties of the committee. The Graduate Council wishes to remove the voting rights of the Graduate Dean as they feel that position is to facilitate communication and cooperation between the Senate and the Graduate Division rather than acting as a voting member.

Effective: upon approval

Approved by the Graduate Council: **10/15/2015**

The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording consistent with the code of the Academic Senate: __________

Received by Executive Council: __________