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Graduate College
DEPARTMENT OF MODERN LANGUAGES AND LITERATURES
CRITERIA FOR GRADUATE FACULTY MEMBERSHIP AND
DIRECTION OF DISSERTATIONS

In accordance with the Charter of the Graduate Faculty of the University of Oklahoma adopted on December 14, 1983, and its stated principle that only those who are actively involved in research/creative activity should direct the original work of others (Article IV, Section 2), the following is proposed:

I. GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE

The Graduate Faculty Committee shall consist of three members as follows: the Chair of the Graduate Studies Committee, the Chair of the Department, and one member of Committee A to alternate every year, with the Department Chair to designate the first year's member. If the committee members so desire, they may ask the department to elect two additional members to serve on the committee.

The committee shall review the qualifications of faculty for membership and direction of dissertations and make recommendations for appointment to the Dean of the Graduate College and the Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences.

II. GRADUATE FACULTY

Appointment to the graduate faculty is for a period of seven years, at the expiration of which the Graduate Faculty Committee shall review credentials. All faculty now belonging to the graduate faculty shall be

automatically reappointed. Faculty whose credentials do not meet the minimum requirements provided by the Department of Modern Languages and Literatures shall be granted two years probation within which to fulfill membership criteria and two years probation within which to fulfill criteria for the direction of dissertations. The department graduate faculty committee shall annually evaluate all departmental faculty members who are not members of the graduate faculty (including new faculty members) for possible graduate faculty membership.

A. Membership

A member may teach graduate level courses, serve on master's and doctoral committees, and direct master's theses. Minimum criteria for the seven year period are:

1. One article published in a refereed journal and three papers read; or
2. Two articles published in a refereed journal; or
3. One monograph; or
4. One chapter in a collection of critical articles and three papers read; or
5. One edition, or edited, scholarly translation, and two papers read.

B. Direction of Dissertations

Minimum criteria for the seven year period are:

1. Two articles published in a refereed journal (or two chapters in a collection) and three papers read; or
2. Three articles published in a refereed journal (or three chapters in a collection); or
3. One monograph and one paper read; or
4. One edition or edited scholarly translation, and two papers read.

III. SPECIAL MEMBERS

Under special circumstances (i.e., the faculty member is the only one able to teach a specific graduate level course) faculty who do not otherwise qualify for graduate faculty membership may teach graduate level courses and serve on master's and doctoral committees. In accordance with the Charter of the Graduate Faculty, (Article IV, Section 2), such appointments shall be for the duration of one year. At the expiration of the appointment period, the Special Member may be reappointed with the recommendation and approval of the Dean of the Graduate College.

IV. NEW FACULTY

Tenure-track assistant professors may be appointed to the graduate faculty as special members and become eligible for full membership upon meeting the Department's minimum criteria. Under special circumstances (i.e., a student wishing to write a dissertation in the junior faculty member's area of specialization), a junior faculty member may be appointed to direct dissertations after one year of service and the publication (or acceptance) of one scholarly article in a refereed journal.

V. APPEAL OF DECISIONS BY GRADUATE FACULTY COMMITTEE

Faculty may appeal decisions of the Graduate Faculty Committee and of the Dean of the Graduate College regarding graduate faculty status and permission to direct dissertations according to the procedures described in the Charter of the Graduate Faculty (Article IV, Section 16). If the Graduate Faculty Committee recommends a reduction of an individual's status on the Graduate Faculty, that individual shall have one

probationary year; the Committee shall reconsider the individual's record at the end of the year before the decision can take effect (Article IV, Section 36).