

I. FACULTY CONSTITUTION

ARTICLE IV Graduate Faculty

Section 1.

To promote excellence in graduate education, to inform the faculty of current concerns, and to provide opportunities for exchange of ideas, there shall be a Graduate Faculty.

Section 2.

The purpose of the Graduate Faculty shall be to pursue critical thinking, academic inquiry and integrity, and to expand cultural horizons beyond that available through the undergraduate program.

Section 3.

The Graduate Faculty shall be comprised of all Appalachian State University faculty designated under the rules of the Graduate Council as graduate faculty. The Graduate Faculty is represented by the Dean of the Graduate School, who is the administrative officer, and the Graduate Council.

Section 4.

The officers of the Graduate Faculty shall consist of a Chairperson, a Vice Chairperson/Chairperson-Elect, and a Secretary.

- a. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson to preside at all meetings of the Graduate Faculty and at meetings of the Nominating Committee. It shall be the responsibility of the Chairperson to serve on the Graduate Council as an ex-officio voting member and to serve as Graduate Faculty Marshal at Commencement.
- b. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chairperson to preside in the absence of the Chairperson. In case of the Chairperson's resignation, it shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chairperson to assume all duties of the Chairperson. In such circumstances, the Graduate Dean may appoint a Vice Chairperson to serve only for the remainder of the academic year. It shall be the responsibility of the Vice Chairperson to serve on the Zigli Research Award Committee.
- c. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to record and distribute the minutes of the Graduate Faculty meetings. It shall be the responsibility of the Secretary to serve on the editorial board of Research News.

Section 5.

The officers of the Graduate Faculty shall be elected by voice vote each year at the Spring meeting of the Graduate Faculty and shall serve for a one-year term of office.

Section 6.

All full members of the Graduate Faculty who will have received their Graduate Faculty appointments at least two years prior to their term of office are eligible for election to office.

Nominations shall be made by a Nominating Committee composed of the current officers with the Dean of the Graduate School serving as an ex-officio member.

Section 7.

The Graduate Faculty shall normally meet twice an academic year, in the Fall and Spring semesters, and on other occasions deemed desirable by the Graduate Faculty of the officers of the Graduate Faculty.

Section 8.

The Chairperson shall appoint, in consultation with the Graduate Dean, committees as necessary to the effective functioning of the Graduate Faculty.

Section 9.

Amendments shall be made in compliance with Robert's Rules of Order .