



To: Duane Hrnecir, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor
University of Alaska Anchorage

Cc: Sam Gingerich, Interim Chancellor

Fr: Monique Marron,
UAA Governance Office

Re: 030218-1 Graduate Faculty Policy

On March 2, 2018 the Faculty Senate approved a motion to approve the graduate faculty policy brought forth by GAB on behalf of the Graduate Council.

Please see the enclosed documents for more information.

If I may be of further assistance, please let me know.

Provost

Approved Disapproved

Comments:

Duane Hrnecir, Interim Provost and Executive Vice Chancellor

4/10/18
Date

Chancellor

Approved Disapproved

Comments:

Sam Gingerich, Interim Chancellor

4/11/2018
Date

1. Proposed new policy title: Graduate Faculty Designation
2. Policy language:

UAA Graduate Faculty Designation:

Full-time tenured or tenure-track faculty from any department at the University of Alaska Anchorage who have a terminal degree in their field or who have ongoing responsibility for the graduate program are automatically part of this designation. Graduate Faculty status for other individuals who have graduate degrees and/or relevant expertise (e.g., may include emeritus faculty, research scientists, term faculty, and/or adjunct faculty) may be assigned by a department.

Departments will determine the criteria and provide the Dean of the Graduate School with lists of their current Graduate Faculty. The Dean of the Graduate School will send letters of recognition to the Graduate Faculty to complete the designation of this honor. Departments are also responsible for notifying the Dean of the Graduate School of faculty who are to be added (such as new hires) or removed from the list of Graduate Faculty.

3. Where the policy currently appears or will appear: If approved, this policy will appear in the a. UAA Faculty Handbook; and b. UAA Graduate School website.
4. Implementation date: Fall 2018
5. Board(s) to review the policy: GAB (Chair Anthony Paris, ajparis@alaska.edu, 907.786.1912). Approved January 12, 2018.
6. Initiator to whom feedback and questions should be directed: Dr. Helena Wisniewski (hswisniewski@alaska.edu or 907.786.4833) and the following members of the UAA Graduate Council's Subgroup for Policy on Graduate Faculty:

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7. Optional suggested other considerations (Rationale, Identified Stakeholders, Impact, etc): See above language, which includes the rationale and impact.

Rationale:

Establishing a Graduate Faculty designation recognizes the importance and excellence of graduate education at UAA. UAA's graduate programs have grown, and UAA is now a doctoral granting institution. This includes a Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology and a Doctor of Nursing Practice. We want to acknowledge these achievements.

In addition, a graduate faculty designation has the following benefits:

- It puts us on par with our peer and aspiring peer institutions, which all have graduate faculty.
- It makes it clear which faculty on campus are eligible to:
 - Teach graduate courses,
 - be the primary advisor to a graduate student, and
 - serve on graduate thesis and project committees.
- It is easier for our faculty to serve as external committee members for students at other institutions that also have a graduate faculty designation requirement.
- It can be valuable in the recruitment of quality faculty and students.
- It improves how UAA is perceived.