



1 **Subject: Graduate Council Resolution – Graduate Faculty Designation**

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3 WHEREAS, the University of Alaska Anchorage (UAA) Graduate Council acts as a council of
4 advisors to the Dean of the Graduate School providing recommendations to be considered for
5 adoption.

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7 WHEREAS, the following justification has been accepted by the Graduate Council from Dean
8 Wisniewski:

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10 Establishing a Graduate Faculty designation recognizes the importance and
11 excellence of graduate education at UAA. UAA’s graduate programs have grown,
12 and UAA is now a doctoral granting institution. This includes a PhD in clinical
13 psychology, and a Doctor of Nursing Practice. We want to acknowledge these
14 achievements.

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

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

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27 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE GRADUATE COUNCIL
28 RECOMMENDS THE FOLLOWING POLICY TO THE DEAN OF THE GRADUATE
29 SCHOOL:

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31 Who are Graduate Faculty?

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

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40 Departments will determine the criteria and provide the Dean of the Graduate
41 School with lists of their current Graduate Faculty, and the Dean of the Graduate
42 School will send letters of recognition to the Graduate Faculty to complete the
43 designation of this honor. Departments are also responsible for notifying the Dean



1 of the Graduate school of faculty who are to be added (such as new hires) or
2 removed from the list of Graduate Faculty.

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4 Passed and approved by the University of Alaska Anchorage Graduate Council on
5 this 17th day of November 2017.

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