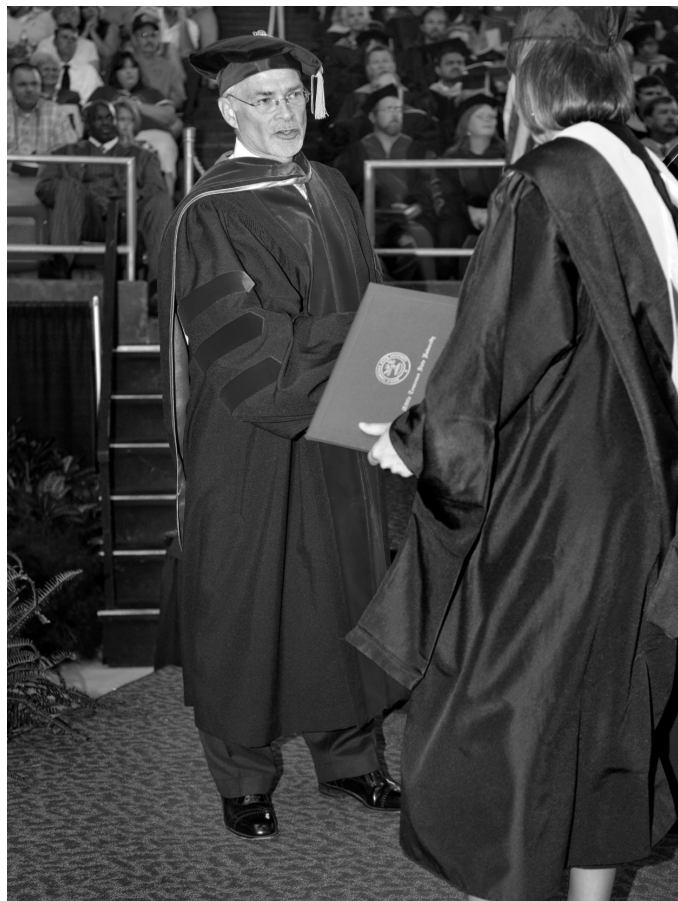


# The Graduate Council

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## Graduate Council Mission Statement

The Graduate Council plays a crucial role in the oversight and planning of all MTSU graduate courses and graduate degree programs, in establishing criteria for the



appointment and reappointment of graduate faculty, in assessing graduate student issues and concerns, and in recommending to the dean of the College of Graduate Studies University-wide policies and procedures for implementation. The Graduate Council advises in the modification of existing programs and in the approval and implementation of any new programs. All student activities leading to advanced degrees proceed under policies and regulations established and reviewed by academic programs, the Graduate Council, and the College of Graduate Studies.

The Graduate Council provides leadership in the pursuit of excellence in scholarly activity and serves as an advocate in obtaining resources for graduate programs. Only full-time MTSU faculty holding membership on the graduate faculty may serve on the Graduate Council. Council members are appointed by the president to serve three-year terms with three representatives per college. Two graduate student representatives who meet all graduate academic standards are also appointed. To ensure continuity and institutional memory in the creation and implementation of policies and procedures, one third of the council members rotate off each year and are replaced by five new faculty members representing each college. Graduate students are appointed to the council each academic year, and the graduate college dean, associate graduate college dean, and the six academic deans serve as ex officio members. The vice chair, who conducts meetings in the absence of the chair and who serves as chair-elect, is elected annually. The chair, in consultation with the dean of the College of Graduate Studies, is responsible for setting the council's agenda.

## Accrediting Agencies and Memberships

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AACSB - The Association to Advance Collegiate  
Schools of Business  
Accrediting Council of Education in Journalism  
and Mass Communication  
American Association of Colleges for Teacher Education  
American Council on Education  
Association of State Colleges and Universities  
Conference of Southern Graduate Schools  
Council for Accreditation of Counseling and Related  
Educational Programs  
Council of Applied Master's Programs in Psychology

Council of Graduate Schools in the United States  
National Association for Sport and Physical Education  
National Association of Industrial Technology  
National Association of Schools of Music  
National Council for Accreditation  
of Teacher Education  
Southern Association of Colleges and Schools  
Tennessee College Association  
Teachers College Association of Extension  
and Field Services  
Tennessee Conference of Graduate Schools