

The Graduate Council

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 departments, 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 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, and the recording secretary of the Graduate Council are elected annually. The chair, in consultation with the dean of the College of Graduate Studies, is responsible for setting the council's agenda.