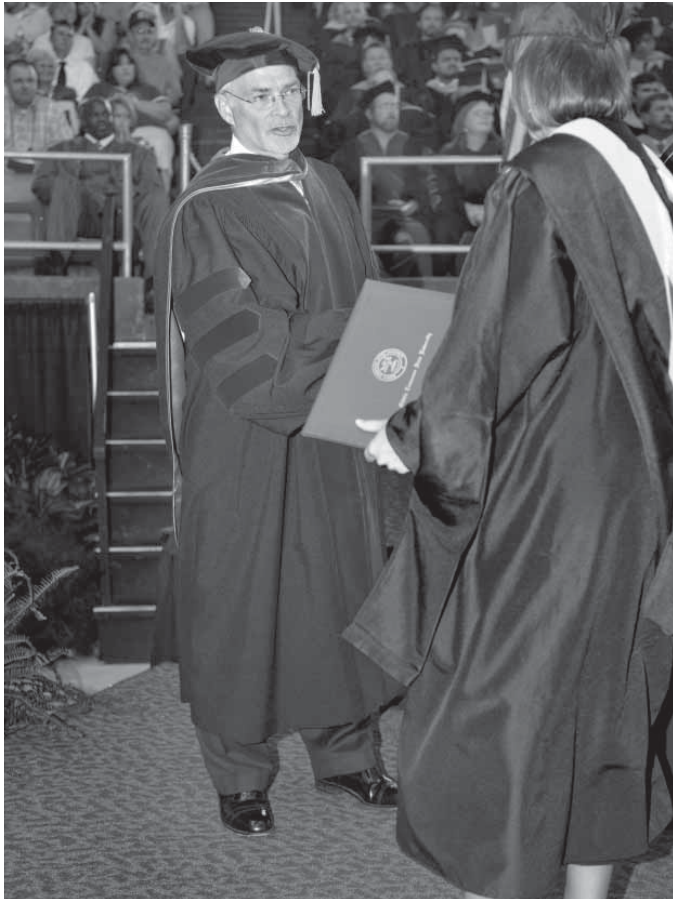


# The Graduate Council

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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