In May 2018, the Shared Governance Oversight Committee recommended and gained approval of the following Graduate Faculty categories. The standards for each category were approved in January 2019 by the Graduate Council.

**Regular Member**

Degree: Appropriate terminal degree

Scholarly Activity: In the six years since graduate faculty status was first acquired or renewed an active scholar will have done one of the following:

1. One book: published as author, co-author, editor, or co-editor, a book with a recognized university press or other scholarly press
2. Two articles: published as author or co-author two articles in scholarly journals that are affiliated with a major scholarly or professional organization, a university press, or a recognized scholarly publisher (e.g. Taylor and Francis, Sage, Springer)
3. One article and one book chapter: published as author or co-author an article in a journal that satisfies the conditions in number 2 and a chapter in a book that satisfies the conditions in number 1
4. One article or one book chapter AND two presentations: published as author or co-author either an article in a journal that meets the conditions in number 2 or a chapter in a book that meets the conditions in number 1 and two presentations to scholarly or professional conferences or meetings that are affiliated with recognized international, national, or state-level scholarly organizations or scholarly conferences sponsored by universities other than Arkansas State University.

**Professional Member**

Degree: Appropriate terminal or graduate/professional degree in the discipline. To serve on a dissertation committee in any capacity, a Ph.D. or applied doctoral degree in the field of study is required.

Scholarly Activity: N/A

Experience: At least three years of directly related work experience in the course being taught or the thesis/dissertation topic.

**Affiliate Member**

Degree: Minimum of a Master’s degree in the field of practice or appropriate discipline. To serve on a dissertation committee in any capacity, a Ph.D. or applied doctoral degree in the field of study is required.

Scholarly Activity: N/A

Experience: At least three years of directly-related work experience in the course being taught or the thesis/dissertation topic.

**Emeritus Affiliate Member**

An individual who has Regular or Professional Graduate Faculty status upon retirement. After six years of retirement, Emeritus Affiliate Members are liable to the restrictions of the standard Affiliate Member.

The table below indicates the privileges and responsibilities for each Graduate Faculty Member category as determined by the Graduate Council.

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| Authority | Regular or Provisional Regular or Emeritus Affiliate (Regular) | Professional or Affiliate | Emeritus Affiliate (Regular) | Emeritus Affiliate (Professional) |
| Chair Doctoral and Master’s committees | **Yes** |  | **Yes** |  |
| Co-Chair Doctoral and Master’s committees | **Yes** | **Yes\*** | **Yes** | **Yes\*** |
| Serve on Doctoral and Master’s committees | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Yes** | **Yes** |
| Teach any courses for graduate credit | **Yes** |  | **Yes** |  |
| Teach specific courses for graduate credit |  | **Yes** |  | **Yes** |

**\*Second co-chair must hold Regular Graduate Faculty Status.**

The criteria allow for departments to provide specific definitions and/or clarification with the language “as defined by the college and/or department.” If a college and/or department chooses to request specific definitions and/or clarification, they must complete the Departmental Exceptions Template.

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