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Policy Title: Graduate Council

Policy: *The Graduate School policy on the Graduate Council* contains the policies and regulations of the Alcorn State University Office of Graduate Studies. This policy has been established by the Graduate Council to ensure consistent standards across Graduate programs.

OVERSIGHT

The Graduate Council was developed to govern Graduate Studies' policies related to graduate students and graduate programs.

The Council is responsible for development, formulation, and approval of policies affecting the conduct of the graduate program. The voting membership is composed of representatives from each of the areas offering graduate degrees and/or concentrations, the Dean of the School of Arts and Sciences, the Dean of the School of Business, the Dean of the School of Education and Psychology, the Dean of the School of Agriculture and Applied Sciences, and the Dean of the School of Nursing. The Dean of Graduate Studies/Graduate Studies Administrator serves as chairperson of the Council. The chairperson may vote in case of a tie among the voting members.

- A. Delegates are chosen from graduate faculty members in each area offering graduate work and are selected to serve on the council based on membership status. Department chairpersons of areas that are involved in graduate work and are not official delegates may sit in as non-voting members of the Council.
- B. Among the specific responsibilities of the Graduate Council are these:
 - 1. to determine policies of admission, retention, and re-admission to the Graduate School and all other policies related to the conduct and standards of the graduate program;
 - 2. to approve and improve graduate curricula and programs submitted to the Council from the various departments;
 - 3. to recommend policies related to curricular structure, academic standards, examinations, requirements for all degrees, etc.; and
 - 4. to hear all appeals from students and faculty members concerning policies that apply to them.