

## 3/27/09 Attachment 5 Proposed Bylaws Changes

### (a) Graduate Affairs Team

#### (i) Composition

The Graduate Affairs Team (GAT) consists of one faculty member with graduate faculty member status representing each College; one faculty member representing Library Services who is the liaison to a graduate program; the Director of Graduate Studies and one representative from the Office of Curriculum and Instruction as *ex-officio members*; one graduate student representative and one graduate student alternate (both of whom may attend any meeting) appointed by the Student Government President (1-year term) to serve as *ex-officio members*.

#### (ii) Responsibilities and Duties

The Graduate Affairs Team will review and recommend action to the Faculty Senate on all matters pertaining to university-level policies concerning graduate academic programs. These include, but are not limited to (a) minimum requirements for graduate faculty eligibility (b) admission to and completion of graduate programs, (c) final submission of theses and dissertations, (d) the graduate grading system, (e) graduate research committees, (f) and the distribution of graduate student assistantships and tuition waivers and (g) will review petitions from faculty members and graduate students appealing decisions based on University graduate policies and procedures, and forward recommendations to the Director of Graduate Studies and to the Provost.