

GPC: October 3, 2007

Committee Name: Graduate Programs Committee
Chair: Ray Ventre
Subject: GPC Recommendations
First Reading: October 16, 2007
Recommendation: Graduate Faculty Status & Bulletin Change on “R” Grades

1.0 We recommend graduate faculty status for:

Faculty Member	Department	Level	Term	Dates
Stephen Burn	English	Level 3	5 years	2008-13
David Cooper	Philosophy	Level 2	2 years	2007-09
Gail Gilberg	English	Level 1	3 years	2007-10
Rebecca Johns Trissler	English	Level 2	2 years	2007-09
Jeff VandeZande	English	Level 1	3 years	2007-10

2.0 The Committee also recommends the concurrent elimination of the “significance” descriptors for graduate grades A through F in the Grading Table of p. 19 of the Graduate Bulletin. We wish to retain the descriptors for the other grades in that section, however.

Rationale: This change would also allow the consistency in this area with our grading descriptions following this chart. We feel the descriptors are not terribly accurate.

Implementation Date: Fall 2008.

Criteria for Appointment to the Graduate Faculty:

1. Completed application form.
2. Current curriculum vitae.
3. Department Head cover Letter.
4. Evidence of Appropriate additional study or experience.
5. Evidence of graduate teaching experience and effectiveness.
6. Indication of the graduate faculty status requested, and, in the case of Level 1 Graduate Faculty, the duration of the appointment.
7. In the case of Level 1 Graduate Faculty, a description of the courses to be taught (Level 1 Graduate Faculty may teach only those courses for which they are pre-approved.)

Levels of Graduate Faculty Status

Level 3 Graduate Faculty Status

This is for members of the bargaining unit or individuals holding faculty status at NMU who have successfully taught at the graduate level and/or supervised thesis work, and has evidence of professional development. This status will be reviewed every 5 years.

Level 2 Graduate Faculty Status

This is for members of the faculty who are either new or have not taught at the graduate level previously. A person at this level can teach graduate courses, serve on, and chairs, thesis committees. This status is for a two-year term.

Level 1 Graduate Faculty Status

This is for someone who is not a member of the bargaining unit. A person at this level can teach graduate courses and serve on, but not chair, thesis committees. They must have a terminal degree or appropriate experience. This status can be requested for 1 to 3 years.