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# Graduate Faculty Status

Submitted by: Dr. Larry Mutter/Dr. David Allen

1/29/2003

## **Motion:**

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How do we rationalize maintaining the current process of determining Graduate Faculty (GF) status when a sizable majority of our faculty and nearly all of our recent/current hires possess terminal degrees?

## **Rationale:**

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A reconsideration of the current "Guidelines for Graduate Faculty Appointment" is appropriate as GSU's faculty evolves into a body dominated by terminal degree holders. Please note that more than two-thirds (67%) of GSU's faculty in 2002 held the terminal degree compared to 53.8% in 1992. Additionally, the institution has matured in its graduate education to the point of offering the doctoral degree, and scholarly and funded research/creative activities are carefully scrutinized in tenure and promotion decisions. To a growing group of faculty members at GSU, the current onerous screening process of colleagues with terminal degrees simply amounts to outdated "red tape." \*Additional information concerning GF models at other institutions can be provided upon request.

## **Senate Response:**

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2/12/2003: A motion from Larry Mutter and Allen himself to simplify graduate faculty status; this has been referred to the Graduate Committee.