

# Wichita State University

## Graduate School

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Graduate faculty are standard bearers of quality and drivers of research and innovation at any university. Graduate faculty develop curricula, teach graduate courses, guide student research, participate in graduate program administration and governance. [478.rmeimrai1@11 \(i\) 145\) 1 \(e-\) 1 \(na\) -it45nan- nna](mailto:478.rmeimrai1@11 (i) 145) 1 (e-) 1 (na) -it45nan- nna)

Non-tenure track faculty interact with the graduate programs and students in many different ways. Our current structure attempts to define those different interactions from the beginning. However, predefining these interactions is problematic and leads to artificial distinctions between the GF-3 and GF-4 categories. This proposal eliminates the distinction between the two categories, and collapses them into a single "Affiliate Graduate Faculty" status. Affiliates will be awarded specific privileges as warranted, which would most commonly be either teaching graduate courses or serving on a thesis/dissertation committee, but could also include things like program review, program administration, etc. Exact requirements for affiliate faculty are not defined because the roles vary immensely. However, the nominee must obviously meet reasonable standards necessary for success in the role as deemed by the department chair, college dean, and dean of the Graduate School, which is the same approval process used now.

*Summary:* The second aspect of the proposal create a single Affiliate Graduate Faculty class where privileges are approved as warranted on a case-by-case basis. Instead of trying to predefine all possible graduate faculty classes, this *simpler* a la carte structure will *more accurately* reflect each person's graduate school engagement.

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*Eligibility:*

- ! Terminal degree in the discipline or alternately qualified by substantial professional achievement
- ! Tenure track or tenured faculty member

*Duties and Responsibilities:*

- ! Teach graduate courses
- ! Serve on master's and doctoral committees
- ! Chair master's thesis, doctoral dissertation, or other terminal proj(omite(
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