**ATTACHMENT B**

Removing Graduate Faculty Status

It is the position of the Graduate Council that when a department/program requests graduate faculty status for a faculty member, the department/program is confirming that graduate teaching and mentoring responsibilities are a necessary function of that position. As a result of this necessary relationship between the duties of the job and graduate faculty status conferred by the Graduate Council, the Council believes that graduate faculty status cannot be removed separately from removing a faculty member from his/her/their position. However, the Council reminds the departments/programs that all graduate student committees require the approval of the department/program chair and the department/program chair can selectively refuse to allow a faculty member to chair or serve on graduate student committees. If the faculty member so denied feels that the refusal is based on inappropriate criteria, that faculty member may seek redress through the normal faculty grievance process.