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To: Dr. William Ray, Associate Dean, Graduate College
From: David Gross, Graduate Liaison, English
Subject: Departmental criteria for graduate faculty membership

At its regularly scheduled meeting on January 19, the graduate committee of the English department (composed of five members of the graduate faculty) voted unanimously to keep in effect our existing criteria for graduate faculty membership, with the following exception. The committee voted to remove the list of professional journals on page 2. Thus the first sentence on that page should read "Such publication will usually take the form of articles in professional journals and scholarly books published by university and commercial presses."

The committee voted to set the term of appointment to the graduate faculty at seven years.

These decisions were made after careful consideration, and after providing all members of the department with copies of the criteria and requesting suggestions for changes. There were none.

cc: Dr. David Mair, interim chair
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To: Stephen Tabachnick, Chair, English Department

From: Nicholas Howe, Director of Graduate Studies

Date: October 17, 1990

Subject: Graduate Faculty Status

At its last meeting, the Graduate Committee (Professors Howe, G. Davis, Dobrinier, Flanigan and Ransom) made the following recommendations concerning the graduate faculty status of new and visiting faculty in the English Department. In each case, the recommendation was unanimous. According to the Graduate College regulations, you are to act on these recommendations by approving or modifying them and then by reporting your recommendations to the Graduate College on the standard form (copy attached). The CV of each faculty member must be attached to the form, and I include copies of each person's CV. If you have any questions about these recommendations or the procedure as a whole, please feel free to speak with me.

J. Hunter Cadzow -- M1 status for 7 years (will be reviewed when he completes his Ph.D.)

Susan Green -- M3 status for 7 years.

Jose Lanters -- M2 status for 1 year (term of her appointment).

Stephen Tabachnick -- M3 status for 7 years.

Gerald Vizenor -- M3 status for 7 years.

Stephen Witte -- M2 status for 1 year (term of his appointment).

The three levels of status are as follows:

M1: can teach graduate courses, serve on master's committees, and direct master's theses.

M2: can serve on doctoral committees.

M3: can direct doctoral committees.

In each case, the higher level of status includes the responsibilities of the lower one(s). No faculty member's term can extend for more than 7 years so as to allow for a regular review. The policy of the Graduate College is to assign no higher level of status than M1 to a faculty member who is ABD.
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TO: Kenneth L. Hoving, Vice Provost for Research Administration and Dean of the Graduate College

FROM: Russell D. Buhite, Interim Dean
College of Arts and Sciences

I approve the criteria for graduate faculty membership for the Department of English.

RDB: pnb