A. The Graduate Faculty Committee shall consist of the members of Committee A and the chair of the Sociology Department’s Graduate Committee. The Graduate Faculty Committee shall review the qualifications of the faculty and make recommendations to the Dean of the Graduate College for appointment to the Graduate Faculty.

B. As defined in Article IV, Section 2, of the Graduate Faculty Charter, the status of “member” entitles the faculty to teach graduate-level courses and to serve on masters and doctoral committees. In order to become a member of the Graduate Faculty, a faculty person must: 1) possess a Ph.D. in Sociology or in a comparable field as judged by the Sociology Department’s Graduate Faculty Committee and 2) hold a primary appointment (tenured, tenure track or adjunct) in the Department of Sociology.

C. Members of the Graduate Faculty who currently are engaged in scholarly research activities of sufficient quantity and quality to merit professional recognition may direct or co-direct doctoral dissertations. Professional recognition for scholarly research shall be determined by the publication of articles in refereed journals, the publications of books by respected publishers, the presentation of research papers at national and international meetings, and/or the receipt of grants and contracts for research. The quantity and quality of scholarly research activities necessary to merit professional recognition shall be judged by the Graduate Faculty Committee.

D. In addition:
   1. first time directors or co-directors of dissertations must have served as a member of at least one dissertation committee.
   2. the suitability to direct or co-direct dissertations of those graduate faculty who have already done so will be judged (by the Graduate Faculty Committee) on past performance in guidance to students and on the timely completion of the program of study.

E. The Graduate Faculty Committee will decide at the time of appointment to the Sociology Department whether new appointees shall be members of the Graduate Faculty. Appointments are for a seven year period. The Graduate Faculty will decide at the time a student wishes to form a dissertation committee whether the student’s choice as director is eligible to direct or co-direct a dissertation.

F. Members of the faculty who are not members of the Graduate Faculty may be accorded Special Status as a member of the Graduate Faculty for a renewable period of one year when an extraordinary need arises.

G. Faculty may appeal decisions of the Graduate Faculty Committee according to procedures found in Article IV, Section 1b, of the Graduate Faculty Charter. A recommendation by the Graduate Faculty will have a one year probationary period before that recommendation takes effect.