The SLIS policy regarding faculty participation in the Graduate Faculty of the University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus is aligned with the University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus Charter of the Graduate Faculty (http://gradweb.ou.edu/People/GradFaculty/GradFacultyCharter.pdf).

Article II of the charter, defines the purposes of the Graduate Faculty of the University of Oklahoma-Norman Campus to be:

a. Promote excellence in graduate teaching, research and creative activity.
b. Assist the graduate faculty in its teaching, research/creative activity and related functions.
c. Promote collaborative effort, exchange of information and mutual understanding among the graduate faculty.

Criteria for Graduate Faculty Membership

1. Recommendations for Membership

Recommendation for Graduate Faculty Membership will originate with Committee A. Committee A will serve as the graduate faculty membership committee and will forward recommendations for appointment to the Dean of the Graduate College.

2. Requirements for Appointment

To be appointed as a Member of the Graduate Faculty of the School of Library and Information Studies at the M2 level, a faculty member must

a. Hold an earned doctorate in library and information studies from an ALA-accredited program school, a doctorate in a related field, or a comparable foreign degree.

b. Show evidence of ongoing scholarly activity as demonstrated by a minimum of

(1) two scholarly publications, presentations at national level conferences, grants or contracts to support research, or other creative activities within the most recent three-year period or
(2) active involvement in a multi-year research project that will result in one or more publications.
3. **Continuation of Membership**

   a. To retain membership in the Graduate Faculty, faculty must meet the criteria listed above.

   b. Eligibility for graduate faculty membership will be reviewed every year in conjunction with faculty evaluations. Should a member not show evidence of continuing to meet the criteria, the member will be given notification that in order to retain appointment, such evidence should be presented at the next evaluation.

4. **Special Membership**

Adjunct faculty may be recommended for appointment as special members for one-year terms to teach graduate level courses, if they hold a master’s degree from an ALA-accredited program or a master’s degree in a related discipline.

5. **Duties of Membership**

Only faculty on continuous appointment who have been appointed to the Graduate Faculty may direct master’s theses. Both regular graduate faculty members and special members may serve on master’s level and sixth-year certificate committees.

6. **Approval of Criteria**

These membership requirements are subject to the approval of the Graduate Faculty Membership Committee, 2/3 vote of the faculty, and the Dean of the Graduate College.