In response to the SACS-COC Standard 3.7.1, the Graduate School proposes the following changes to the Faculty Handbook Section 4.11.A. Appointment to Graduate Faculty Status.

1. Change from three status types and definitions to two status types and definitions.

* Current Status Types: Full, Regular and Associate
* Proposed Status Types: Full and Affiliate

1. Annual review of graduate faculty by the Department and College using existing evaluation processes to update the official list of graduate faculty at the beginning of each academic year.
2. If the proposed changes to the Faculty Handbook Section 4.11.A are approved, the following changes have been proposed to the following Academic Affairs forms.

* The AA-21 “Certification of Credentials and Qualifications for a Faculty/Staff Instructional Appointment” form will be updated so that graduate faculty status can be requested for new hires.
* The AA-12 WCU Transmittal Form for Recommendation on 1) Reappointment 2) Promotion 3) Tenure 4) Post Tenure Review will include the Graduate Faculty Status as a recommendation or renewal.