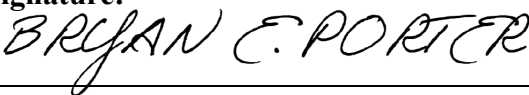


FACULTY SENATE ISSUE FORM
Date Submitted: 2/2/2024
Title of Issue (a short descriptive title by which the issue may be referenced):
Graduate Catalog Edit: Thesis Committee and Dissertation Committee
Description of Issue:
The Graduate Administrators' Council (GAC) approved language to change language in the membership sections of both the thesis and dissertation committees. Specifically, current policy dictates that no more than a third of the committee can be from outside ODU. The revision edits the language to request a majority of the committees must be ODU faculty.
A 2 nd edit was made in the thesis committee policy to clean up a redundancy.
Rational for Submission:
The policy edits allow greater flexibility to students who benefit from more than one external non-ODU member on their committees and then not also being required to simultaneously add ODU faculty with the only purpose being to maintain a specific ratio. Requiring a majority of the committee to be ODU faculty resolves this concern.
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