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Primary Charge:

X.4.3. The Council shall have the responsibility for the conduct of the University's graduate educational program.

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X.4.4. The Council as a whole shall **review all proposals for new graduate programs**. It shall submit recommended program approvals to the University Senate for consideration.

X.4.5. The Council as a whole shall **review proposals that would affect the continuation of graduate programs**.

X.4.5.1. It shall **consider assessment reports pertaining to graduate programs** including those from the Council on Academic Assessment and shall recommend changes it deems desirable.

X.4.5.2. After due consideration, the Council may **bring a recommendation to suspend or discontinue a program to the Senate**.

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Committee on Admissions and Academic Standing

- review changes to standards and procedures for **admission to graduate study**
- review changes in standards and procedures for **admission to candidacy**
- review such actions of the Dean of Graduate Studies or of school deans and department chairs dealing with academic standing or **academic grievances**

Committee on Educational Policy and Procedures

- provide recommendations on **policies concerning the administration and the conduct of graduate programs**
- recommend to the Council such **graduate academic regulations** as it deems necessary
- insure and review **procedures for individual student academic grievances** at school and college levels

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Agenda items for 2010-11

- Graduate Certificate review
- Strategic Plan – implementation and action steps
- Graduate Syllabus requirement
- Review CAA and/or other program assessments