

Proposed Graduate Academic Calendar Regulation Amendment
Section – Supervisory committee
Academic Council – January 22, 2019

Rationale for proposed changes: To clarify that a faculty member must have a graduate faculty appointment with supervisory or supervisory committee privileges in the student's program order to serve on a graduate student's supervisory committee. To add the category of non-voting advisor to the composition of the supervisory committee to allow for an individual without a graduate appointment to formally provide discipline-specific expertise to the supervisory committee.

Supervisory committee

Composition

Master's candidates

Normally, each supervisory committee for a master's level candidate consists of the candidate's research supervisor(s) and at least one other ~~UOIT~~ faculty member with a graduate, associate graduate or emeritus/emerita graduate faculty appointment to the program. The chair, who may be someone other than the candidate's research supervisor, is appointed by the graduate program director of the candidate's home faculty.

Doctoral candidates

The supervisory committee for a doctoral candidate consists of the candidate's research supervisor(s) and at least two other ~~UOIT~~ faculty members with a graduate, associate graduate or emeritus/emerita graduate faculty appointment to the program. The chair, who may be someone other than the candidate's research supervisor, is appointed by the graduate program director of the candidate's home faculty.

Non-voting advisor

Programs may request a non-voting advisor to a master's or doctoral supervisory committee, upon the approval of the Graduate Program Director. A non-voting advisor would normally be an industry or discipline expert who does not have and would not normally be given a graduate faculty appointment.

The non-voting advisor would be allowed to attend and ask questions during master's and doctoral thesis and/or candidacy exams, but will not be permitted to vote.