

faculty member from the Graduate Council who serves for a one-year term, following a one-year term as Vice-Chair and Chair-Elect.

The Graduate Council is charged by the Faculty Senate to set standards for graduate admission, retention, and graduation; assess curricular revisions and new proposals for graduate programs; evaluate interdisciplinary, intercollegiate and international programs; and consider new initiatives and other matters of policy pertaining to graduate programs. Its structure and activities are governed by its Bylaws, which are adopted and amended by the membership of the Graduate Council and include rules consistent with these Bylaws.

The Chair of the Graduate Council or faculty designee shall report actions of the Graduate Council to the Executive Council. The report shall include the agenda and a summary of substantive actions taken. The report and the minutes of the Graduate Council meetings will be distributed or made available electronically to all senators at least five business days prior to the next Faculty Senate meeting. Implementation of actions taken by the Graduate Council occurs after approval of the report first by the Executive Council and then by the Faculty Senate. The report may be approved in whole or in part by either the Executive Council or the full Faculty Senate, allowing for any particular curricular or academic policy change to be sent back to the **Undergraduate Council** for revision and resubmission as part of the report/minutes of a future meeting. In such cases, the Faculty Senate President will communicate specific concerns to the Chair of the **Undergraduate Council**.

- J. **Library and Information Technology Committee.** Membership shall consist of 9 faculty members representing the interests of faculty in library policies, educational and/or information technology, and research. The Student Government Association and the Graduate Student Senate may select one undergraduate student member and one graduate student member, respectively.

Ex-officio members shall include the Dean of Libraries, the Chief Information Officer for UTK, the Executive Director for OIT Support, and the UTK Director of Online Programs.

Duties of the Library and Information Technology Committee include: (1) identifying, reviewing, and recommending information technology and library policies; (2) representing the Faculty Senate on key university committees that address information technology library services; (3) reporting to the Faculty Senate on key information technology and library issues and developments that affect the campus; (4) ensuring that library services and collections meet the teaching, research, and public service needs of the campus communities with particular focus on library policies and procedures that facilitate use of resources; and (5) serve as a gateway for faculty input to OIT and Teaching and Learning Innovation for common technology services related to teaching and research.