

Topic: Non-TT advising in Masters committees.

CURRENT POLICY:

<https://www.binghamton.edu/grad-school/resources/policies-procedures/manual/policies-masters.html#176>

Only faculty with the formal (tenured or tenure-track) rank of assistant, associate or full professor in an academic department offering advanced degrees may serve as members of graduate student thesis committees. The Vice Provost and Dean of the Graduate School may approve exceptions to these restrictions in specific cases. Requests will not be considered without submission of a current curriculum vita and letters of endorsement from the chair or graduate director of the department offering the advanced degree or the dean of the school. Upon such approval, individuals who are not members of the graduate faculty may serve as members, but not as faculty advisors or chairs of graduate student thesis committees.

NEWLY APPROVED POLICY:

Faculty with the formal (tenured or tenure-track) rank of assistant, associate or full professor in an academic department offering advanced degrees may serve as members or chairs of graduate student thesis committees, or serve as faculty advisors. Individuals who do not meet these criteria must petition for approval. To be approved, individuals must submit a current curriculum vita and letters of endorsement from the chair or graduate director of the department offering the advanced degree. These materials are to be submitted by the office of the dean of the college or school to the Associate Dean of the Graduate School for evaluation by the Academic Standards subcommittee of the Graduate Council. If approved by the Graduate Council, that individual may serve as a member or chair of a graduate student thesis committee, or serve as a faculty advisor, for the period of three years, at which point the individual may reapply.