

## BYLAWS OF THE FACULTY OF THE GRADUATE SCHOOL OF ARTS & SCIENCES

### ARTICLE I

**Section 1.** There shall be a Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences comprising: (a) all persons appointed or elected by the Trustees of Tufts College who are members of the Faculties of the College of Liberal Arts, Jackson College, or the College of Engineering; (b) those other persons appointed or elected full-time by the Trustees of Tufts College who regularly instruct or direct the studies of students enrolled in degree programs offered by the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences as determined by the President on the basis of recommendations made by the Executive Committee presented with the approval of the Dean of the Graduate School; (c) the President, the Provost, the Vice President for Health Sciences, the Academic Vice-President, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Deans of the other Associated Schools, and the Deans of the other Graduate and Professional Schools; (d) such other persons as the President may appointment upon recommendation of the Dean of the Graduate School.

**Section 2.** Members of the Faculty of the Graduate School of Arts and Sciences whose titles include the words "Visiting," "**Practice**," "Adjunct," "Research," or part-time members may not vote in deliberations of this Faculty.

### ARTICLE II

It shall be the function of this Faculty to decide all questions of policy concerning the admission of students to programs under its control, and the academic supervision of such students; to control all degree programs and associated graduate studies above the baccalaureate level, except as specifically provided otherwise by the Trustees; to recommend to the Faculty of Arts and Sciences all candidates for degrees in its programs as authorized by the Trustees; and to receive and act upon all reports of its committees.

### ARTICLE III

The officers of this Faculty shall be a Dean, appointed by the Trustees, and a Secretary who serves by virtue of his election as Secretary of the Faculty of Arts and Sciences.

### ARTICLE IV

**Section 1.** The Standing Committees of this Faculty shall be:

(a) An **Executive Committee**, consisting of five or more members of the Faculty, appointed annually by the President, and the Dean. This Committee shall have responsibility for admitting students, approving transfer credit, approving the award of scholarships, fellowships, and grants-in-aid, making modifications of faculty regulations in such particular cases as it determines to be not inconsistent with the policies of the Faculty and to deal with such other matters as may be referred to it.

(b) A **Committee on Policy and Programs**, consisting of seventeen or more persons, including the Academic Vice-President, the Dean of the School, and fifteen other members of this Faculty appointed by the President on the basis of recommendations by the Committee on Committees after its consultation with Departmental Chairmen and the Dean. Appointments shall be made in such a way that all departments in this Faculty will be represented in rotation for three-year periods.

The Committee shall consider and report to the Faculty on the adoption, modification, and abrogation of courses, curricula, and faculty policies. The Committee may authorize and approve particular actions which it considers not inconsistent with faculty policies. Notices of major items on the agenda of the Committee, and recommendations by the Committee to the Faculty, shall be circulated to the entire Faculty.

**Section 2.** Each standing committee shall make a summary report to the Faculty in writing at least annually.

**ARTICLE V**

The regular meetings of the Faculty shall be held at least three times yearly, at the beginning of each term, and at the end of the academic year. Special meetings may be called at any time by the President or the Provost.

**ARTICLE VI**

Fifteen members, representing at least seven departments, and including at least nine of professorial rank, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business.

**ARTICLE VII**

In the absence of the President, the Provost, the Academic Vice-President or the Dean of the Graduate School shall preside, in that order.

*These bylaws were approved by the faculty on April 18, 2007.*

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