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**MEMO** 

To: UGPC Members, UGC Members
From: Paul Peluso, UGC Chair

Date: November 5, 2014

RE: Language on New Course Applications for Minimum Qualifications to Teach

CC: D. Floyd, R. Nyhan, D. Alperin

## Colleagues:

This memo is a follow up from the October 28, 2014 University Faculty Senate Steering committee meeting, where a potential problem with new course proposals was discovered. Specifically, on the "New Course Proposal" form for graduate programs, the box titled "Minimum Qualifications to Teach This Course" is left blank, or has "N/A" or "None" filled in. This came to the attention of the Provost's office, who brought it to the attention of the University Senate Steering Committee as a potential problem if not attended to. This box needs to be filled in, and it was agreed that the language should state (at a minimum):

- 1. Member of the graduate faculty of FAU; and
- 2. Has a terminal degree in the subject area (or a closely related field).

Committees charged with the review of new courses should, in their review of proposals, check that this language is included. If it is not, the proposals should be returned to the originating college, department or program for correction in order to avoid unnecessary delays in the approval of any new courses.

Information on graduate faculty membership may be found at: http://www.fau.edu/graduate/docs/Graduate\_College\_Governance\_Document.pdf