

Charge to Graduate Council on Graduation Student Supervision and Graduations

Thank you for your December 16, 2020 Memorandum to Senate President Wagner on the general findings of the Council on the compensation of FAU faculty supervising dissertations. This is a request for the Graduate Council to extend its recommendations into drafting a policy on supervising dissertations. The draft policy should consider or otherwise address the following points:

- When a faculty member is supervising dissertation projects, the workload associated with this supervision should be included in the faculty member's annual assignment. The category of assignment is at the discretion of colleges; colleges may further delegate this authority to departments/schools.
- Overloads or other compensation for the supervision of dissertations are not permitted.
- After the end of the semester in which the doctoral advisee graduates, programs, departments, or colleges may provide a stipend of up to \$1,500 for the faculty supervisor per graduate that semester. This stipend is not a required practice or payment; it is deployed at the discretion of the unit and the practice may be universally implemented or universally removed for its faculty at any time by the party that is providing the funding of these stipends. Such payments are not an entitlement of faculty.
- Co-supervised dissertations would allow each supervisor to receive a maximum of half this stipend.
- If such compensation is provided the stipend will not count against that faculty members overload pay limitations.

This policy is intended for dissertation supervision only and is not applicable to non-dissertation doctorates, master's theses, or other categories of graduate students.