

POLICY FOR SUPERVISING DOCTORAL DISSERTATION-DRAFT

Supervising graduate students, especially students in Ph.D. programs, is a central part of a faculty member's role at Florida Atlantic University, and the production of Ph.D. graduates is a core part of the University's mission. The following policy memo establishes some uniform guidelines for Colleges and Academic Units regarding the assignment and compensation of faculty effort supervising Ph.D. dissertations.

The ongoing effort of a faculty member chairing or co-chairing a Ph.D. student's supervisory committee must be recognized formally as part of their Annual Assignment. Standards and practices vary among disciplines, so it is left to the Colleges to establish conventions regarding the weight of a supervisory (co-)chair assignment and the broad category of effort (*i.e.*, teaching, service, or research) in which such assignments are counted. For the same reason, Colleges may choose to devolve this responsibility to their individual Academic Units.

Supervisory committees in some Ph.D. programs traditionally include special members (*e.g.*, a statistician) with an active role in supporting a student's progress toward graduation beyond those of a general (*i.e.*, non-chair) committee member. Colleges may also establish conventions for the formal recognition of such responsibilities in Annual Assignments, and again may devolve that responsibility to their individual Academic Units.

Under no circumstances should faculty members be compensated for the ongoing supervision of a Ph.D. dissertation, whether by an overload assignment or some other form of stipend beyond their base pay from the University, during the period of their annual assignment.

The UGC will review this policy every three years, or sooner, at their discretion.