I. Purpose

1.1 To establish a program of graduate studies within the Division of Academic Affairs.

II. Scope

2.1 All academic programs, personnel, and related support services and systems designed for the education of post-baccalaureate students.

III. Definitions

3.1 Graduate Studies: Graduate Studies refers to post-baccalaureate academic programs resulting in a master’s degree or a graduate certificate in a particular field of study.

IV. Policy

4.1 Policies governing graduate studies will be proposed by the Graduate Council and the Director of Graduate Studies and approved using Policy Process 101.

4.2 Policies related to the administration of graduate programs are under the auspices of the Provost, Graduate Council and the Director of Graduate Studies.

4.3 Graduate Program Attributes

4.3.1 All approved graduate programs and new program proposals must align with institutional learning outcomes, promote DSU’s mission, and be consistent with the expectations of the program’s discipline(s) and professions.
4.3.2 Graduate programs must differ from undergraduate programs by demonstrating greater depth and increased demands on students’ intellectual and/or creative capacities as evidenced by appropriate program and course learning outcomes.

4.3.3 Graduate programs must foster student engagement with the literature of the field, research, scholarship, and appropriate high-level professional practice.

4.3.4 New graduate program proposals shall be evaluated for approval based on adherence to the qualities and attributes listed above.

4.3.5 Each graduate program shall define clear admission and graduation requirements and make them widely available including on their web pages.

V. References

5.1 Policy 101: Policy Process

VI. Procedures

VII. Addenda

Policy Owner: VP, Academic Affairs
Policy Steward: Associate Provost for Academic and Budget Planning

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