

SUNY BUFFALO – Major Professor (It appears that SUNY leaves the definition of graduate faculty/major professor up to the colleges or schools).

Article 4: The Graduate Faculty

There are two (2) categories of membership within the Graduate Faculty: Member and Associate Member. **Membership is automatic for tenured or tenure-track UB faculty.** Associate Membership is specifically designed to recognize those individuals who meet the respective category criteria outlined below (see 4.3), and who are expected to play a meaningful role in graduate education and training only at the master's program level or in conjunction with the AuD program.

4.1 Rights and Privileges of the Graduate Faculty

Graduate Faculty status is University-wide, and the privileges conferred thereby are not limited to the division or area within which an appointment is made. Departments have the prerogative to limit their program's Ph.D. committee members and/or major advisors to only their own department faculty if they choose to do so as reflected in department bylaws or comparable policy statements. ...

b. **Members may serve as committee members or as major advisors for both Master's and Ph.D. students.** Only Members may serve on the Graduate School's Executive, Area, and Divisional Committees.

4.3 Criteria for Membership in the Graduate Faculty

For Membership:

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4.3.4 Prior, as well as current, engagement in scholarly and/or clinical activity deemed appropriate to the member's duties in the graduate program.

In addition, individual College/Schools have developed supplemental specific criteria both for membership in the Graduate Faculty as well as for retention of such membership. These criteria are summarized in Article 5.

From Article 5:

School of Public Health and Health Professions

Members may serve as committee members or as major advisors for both Master's and Ph.D. students.

"Member" requisite qualifications are:

1. Possession of the highest degree of the field usually the Ph.D. or its equivalent.
2. Personal engagement in scholarly activity
3. Capacity to actively direct graduate study
4. Having a definite role to play in the graduate program.

Particular emphasis is placed upon item 2 of these requirements...

School of Medicine and Biomedical Sciences

Senior Members may serve as committee members or as major advisors for both Master's and Ph.D. students.

Senior Members requisite qualifications are:

1. Possession of the highest degree of the field, or equivalent competence.
 2. Personal engagement in scholarly activity.
 3. Capacity to actively direct graduate study.
 4. Having a definite role to play in the graduate program following the nomination.
- Particular emphasis is placed upon item 2 of these requirements; the normally expects the candidate's engagement in scholarly activity to be evidenced by the publication of at least two papers (excluding those derived from Ph.D. dissertation research) in peer-refereed journals and published within the past 5 years. ...