

Toronto School of Theology

Governance, Graduate Degrees

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At its meeting on April 25, 2022, the TST Board of Trustees retired the **Centre for the Study of Ministry** and put all oversight of graduate degrees under the Graduate Studies Council. In light of this decision, it remains for the Academic Council to formally revise the membership of the Graduate Studies Council and with it, the GCTS Constitution.

1. The Graduate Studies Council membership will allow for up to two faculty representatives per member college. A member college may send one faculty representative qualified on all agenda items, or two faculty representatives, one of whom will be responsible for the research and teaching graduate degrees, and the other of whom will be responsible for the professional graduate degrees. Whether the college is represented by one or two faculty members, it casts only one vote. Although the GSC seeks to work by consensus, should a situation arise when two faculty representatives from the same college disagree on a motion, they may either in effect split their vote by registering an abstention, or they may seek direction from their college.
2. The chair of any current or future standing committees, such as the newly formed Standing Committee on Languages, will serve on the GSC with one vote.
3. The Faculty Assembly may assign up to two at-large faculty members who represent the interests of the faculty as a whole.
4. That student membership on the GSC will be expanded to include one student representing the teaching and research degrees and one representing the professional degrees.
5. That GCTS faculty will be surveyed and given the choice to supervise research and teaching graduate students, or professional graduate students, or both. They will make themselves available for committee membership in conversation with the designated supervisor.
6. For the purposes of the professional doctorate, a faculty person with a professional doctorate who has a scholarly trajectory will be evaluated for graduate status according to the criteria outlined in the Graduate Appointments Policy. Others may be appointed using the Hollenberg Principles.
7. That the GCTS will be the administrative body to serve not only the graduate research and teaching degrees, but also the professional graduate degrees.
8. These changes, other than #6 (which is already in effect under the Graduate Appointments Policy), will take effect by July 1, 2022.