1. **Graduate Faculty Membership:** AME faculty members will normally be recommend for graduate faculty membership on the basis of an earned doctorate or equivalent evidence of meritorious research or creative engineering activity in an appropriate field.

2. **Graduate Faculty Prerogatives:** AME Graduate faculty members may serve on graduate committees, teach graduate courses, and direct Master’s theses.

3. **Temporary Graduate Faculty Membership:** Temporary faculty members (visiting or adjunct) may be recommended for admission to the graduate faculty for a specified, limited period to serve on graduate committees, teach graduate courses, or direct Master’s theses as specified in the recommendation.

4. **New Faculty:** An earned doctorate or comparable achievement in engineering research and innovation and an apparent capability to guide doctoral students are two of the principal criteria in the selection of new faculty. Consequently, newly appointed faculty members will normally be recommended for graduate faculty membership including the direction of doctoral dissertations for a period of six years starting with their initial appointment. Their continuing participation in the graduate program will then be subject to the further criteria outlined below.

5. **Dissertation Direction:** AME graduate faculty members maintain eligibility to direct doctoral dissertations through continuing scholarly contributions in a relevant field as evidenced by satisfying at least two of the following criteria within the preceding five year period:
   a) publishing at least two papers in peer-reviewed journals or other comparable recognized research publications
   b) publishing a scholarly book or monograph in the field
   c) being awarded an external grant or contract supporting research in the field
   d) serving as an editor of a scholarly journal in the field
   e) submitting at least four proposals for external funding of research in the field

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*Non-procedural editorial updates including the current name of the department were added in March 2012.*
6. **Evaluations and Recommendations:** Committee A shall be responsible for evaluation of faculty activities in the context of these specific criteria and the underlying goals and requirements for a quality program of graduate study and research. Graduate faculty membership and eligibility to direct doctoral dissertations will be recommended by the director and approved by Committee A. Continuation of eligibility to direct doctoral dissertations will be reviewed by Committee A in each faculty member’s annual performance evaluation.

7. **Approval:** Approval and modifications of these criteria shall require a two-thirds vote of the faculty present at any regular or special AME faculty meeting provided five days written notice has been given of the meeting agenda item given.

8. **Transition:** All established graduate faculty memberships, responsibilities, and prerogatives regarding teaching of graduate courses, serving on committees, and directing theses and dissertations shall remain in effect for a period of three years following the approval of the policies or until they are extended under these criteria. Individual masters and doctoral committee chairs and memberships shall remain in effect until the student’s program is terminated or completed or the thesis or dissertation is changed.