Appendix I

COLLEGE OF HUMAN ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCES
CRITERIA FOR
DOCTORAL FACULTY MEMBERSHIP

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Preamble

Preparation and defense of the dissertation constitutes an important learning experience for candidates for the doctoral degree. The dissertation is a major requirement of the doctoral program, and an opportunity for making a significant contribution to the body of knowledge in the candidate's discipline. Given the importance of doctoral dissertations, expertise in both subject matter and research methodology is essential. Therefore, it is imperative that faculty who are elected to serve as dissertation supervisors be individuals who have demonstrated the technical expertise, commitment, and professional maturity necessary to perform effectively in that role. The primary consideration in election of an individual to the Doctoral Faculty is evidence that the individual can fulfill that role competently. The following criteria for membership on the Doctoral Faculty are intended for graduate faculty in four academic units that offer the Ph.D degree in Human Environmental Sciences. They are: Architectural Studies, Human Development and Family Science, Personal Financial Planning, and Textile and Apparel Management.

Membership Criteria

The following College criteria are intended to be used in conjunction with University of Missouri criteria (9/16/76).

1. Membership on the campus Graduate Faculty is a minimum criterion. Application for Graduate Faculty and for Doctoral Faculty may be made simultaneously.

2. The candidate must possess an earned doctorate.

3. Significant achievements in research, scholarly, or creative activities. The candidate must have an active research program demonstrating sustained scholarship contributions to the field as recognized by each department.

4. Current participation in a graduate program. Primary indices of eligibility include participation in a doctoral program as follows: dissertation involvement as a co-advisor or significant input as defined by each department as a dissertation committee member at MU or at another college or university.

Other types of involvement in graduate programs that merit consideration include:
a. Advising master’s students, including supervision of a thesis.

b. Teaching graduate courses (7000, 8000 and 9000 level at MU); and

c. Being elected or appointed to relevant committees, either on or off campus, that reflect the candidate's professional maturity in relation to graduate or research program, such as the Graduate Faculty Senate, graduate program review teams, etc.

5. **Peer support.** The candidate’s doctoral faculty candidacy must be supported by the department chair (or designee) and doctoral faculty within the department.

**Procedures**

1. The department chair (or designee) submits the doctoral faculty approval/renewal application to the Office of HES Associate Dean for Research and Graduate Studies. The approval process is initiated by the candidate who seeks the doctoral faculty status. The renewal process is initiated by the MU Office of Graduate Studies every 5 years.

2. The application must include (a) the chair’s (or designee’s) letter of support addressing how the candidate meets all five criteria, and (b) the candidate’s vita showing activities addressing the first four criteria during the previous five years.

3. The HES Graduate Faculty Council (GFC), which is composed of the Directors of Graduate Studies in Arch St, HDFS, PFP, and TAM, will vote for the candidacy. Minimum of three positive votes would be required. DGS may have a designee for vote.

4. Upon positive results, the RGS office will forward the application for the approval of the Dean of MU Graduate Studies.