New graduate students admitted into the Ph.D. programs will have an opportunity to learn about research interests of the faculty members. The process by which this information is conveyed will be up to each of the two departments within the college. The following general criteria will be followed for assignment of graduate students to faculty members who will serve as their dissertation research advisors.

1. Faculty advisors must have resources and funding to support research of all graduate students conducting research under their supervision. In cases where there is a lapse in funding, it will be the responsibility of the department chair to take appropriate action depending upon the situation. This may include providing funding to the faculty in order to complete the project or assigning student to another faculty member with research funding.

2. Faculty members applying for external funding should budget graduate student as RA (unless the funding agency does not allow this). If they are successful in obtaining this funding, there exists a possibility that they will receive an additional RA support from the college provided that they are able to recruit the additional graduate student.

3. An advisor can only have two graduate students supported as TAs, (college funds); the rest must be supported as RAs (advisor funds). This aspect of the policy will become effective for Ph.D. program in Pharmacy Administration beginning with fall 2014 academic year.

4. All reasonable attempts will be made to ensure that junior faculty members are provided the opportunity to serve as graduate student research advisors. This will be the responsibility of the department chair or his/her designee.

5. Student selections of advisors will be approved by department chair or his/her designee after ensuring that the above criteria are being met.

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