Voting power at graduate faculty meetings, whether within departments or at Graduate School meetings, is vested only in the full members on matters of educational policy and graduate faculty credentials. Full and associate members of the graduate faculty may vote on recommendations for degree candidates.

3.2 Academic Freedom

The University of Louisiana System is committed to the principle of academic freedom. This principle acknowledges the right of a teacher to explore fully within the field of assignment and to give in the classroom and elsewhere such exposition of the subject as the teacher believes to represent the truth. This principle also includes the right of a member of the academic staff of the university system to exercise in speaking, writing, and action outside the University other ordinary rights of a citizen, but it does not decrease the responsibility that the member of the academic staff bears to the university system, the state, and the nation. A member of the academic staff not officially designated to represent the university system must indicate clearly that he or she is speaking as an individual citizen.

Among the many implicit responsibilities that must be assumed by those enjoying the privileges of academic freedom is that of refraining from insisting upon the adoption by students or others of any particular point of view as authoritative in controversial issues. Moreover, although all faculty are entitled to freedom of speech in public fora, they are expected to make clear in these instances that they speak as private citizens and not as official representatives of the university.

3.3 Faculty Authority

Authority to determine the educational policy of the University of New Orleans – its colleges, schools, and departments is delegated to the faculty by the Board of Supervisors. The faculty exercises this authority by deliberative action in all units and divisions of the University.

The faculty has the authority to establish curricula, fix standards of instruction, and determine requirements for degrees, and make recommendations for the granting of degrees through its respective colleges. It has legislative power over its own meetings and may delegate its own authority to the Faculty Senate and/or to other standing committees. The faculty's authority is limited to matters proper to the faculty, and the UNO President or the UL System President may suspend any faculty action that is deemed administrative in nature or which seriously affects the interests of another faculty of the university or of the system.

The University of New Orleans faculty generally exercises its authority over educational policy through the Faculty Senate and its committees and through departmental, college-level and campus-level committees on courses and curricula.

3.4 Appointment Procedures

Appointment to the University of New Orleans faculty is accomplished through procedures designed to ensure equal opportunity for employment to all qualified persons, regardless of race, sex, age, or ethnic origin, and to ensure that employment decisions on the part of the university