Another policy to review

**Graduate Student Teaching**

Students working toward graduate certificates or advanced degrees are not permitted to teach graduate courses.

*A hypothetical scenario using the College of Business.*

The MBA is a degree program that prepares candidates for professional careers. Many of our graduate faculty are non-academics – they have an advanced degree related to the area they teach and five or more years of professional experience in that area. For example, we have the retired managing partner of one of the big four accounting firms out of Portland teaching a special topics course for us in the Accountancy MBA degree program.

Let’s say we hire a professional with an advanced degree and over ten year’s experience to teach a course for one of our MBA tracks (and the person is approved by the Graduate School and admitted to Graduate Faculty status). After teaching the course, the individual decides she really likes it and applies to our PhD in Accounting program. If we admit this person to the PhD program, then according to the current policy, she would no longer be able to deliver the special topics course she was professionally qualified to teach.

What is the real intent of this policy? Can graduate students be TAs for a graduate course? Can graduate students run labs or recitations associated with a graduate class? Is it ok for PhD students to teach Master-level students?