Proposed Revision to Current Policy:

Appointment as Instructor of Record. For a graduate student to be appointed as the Instructor of Record for a graduate course (including the 500-level component of a slash course):

- The unit/program of employment must be separate and distinct from the unit/program of enrollment.
- The instructor must be appointed to the graduate faculty based on their academic/professional qualification by the unit/program of employment.
- In the event students from the instructor’s unit/program of enrollment are enrolled in the course, alternative arrangements must be made for evaluating the work of graduate students.

Appointment as Teaching Assistant. For a graduate student to be appointed as the Teaching Assistant for a graduate course (including the 500-level component of a slash course), the Instructor of Record for the course must ensure that all potential conflicts of interest are avoided to the maximum extent possible. This must include, at a minimum:

- Making alternative arrangements to evaluate the work of graduate students from the same unit/program as the Teaching Assistant, OR
- Ensuring that the Teaching Assistant has advanced to candidacy status (after prelims) and all graduate students in the class have not advanced to candidacy

Rationale for change:
1) Make it the responsibility of the Department to determine how to resolve potential conflicts of interest. Do not dictate how to resolve.
2) Seeking approval of the graduate school is similar to the process of having instructors appointed to the Graduate Faculty. It would require the Department to defend the qualifications of the GTA to evaluate graduate work.