

Committee considerations. Certainly, a graduate student advisor should provide evidence and an opinion that a student should be retained or terminated. A student may be research productive but a failure in required coursework. If the student and advisor cannot convince the department the student should be retained, the advisor's signature should not be required for a termination. If the student's course record is acceptable but research productivity is not acceptable to the advisor, or the student otherwise does not get along with the advisor, it should be the responsibility of the department to determine if the student can continue with another advisor assuming one is willing. Ultimately the department must decide if a student should be terminated from the department based on academic and research records. If a faculty signature is required, according the current procedures, the student only has to convince the advisor with either a threat or reason to rescind or otherwise not sign the Termination Procedure Form. As of January 16, 2021 the form is still on site at https://www.memphis.edu/gradschool/resources/forms_index.php. The committee is likely to make a final decision on the before the February Senate meeting. Alternatively, the motion could be considered by the Senate and amended/alterd as needed.