

## **Eligibility for advising PhD-student in different capacities**

### **1. Definitions:**

**Major Professor:** As per University policy, only tenured or tenure track faculty of the Physics Department can be a Major Professor to PhD students.

**Co-major Professor:** are non-Major Professors, who nevertheless have been given the privilege of acting as the main research advisor of PhD students in Applied Physics. However, a Co-major Professor cannot solely advise a student. Every student advised by a Co-major Professor also must have a Major Professor, who provides additional mentoring to the Ph.D. student. Any member of the Affiliate Graduate Faculty or tenured/tenure track faculty in other USF-Departments may apply to become a Co-major Professor. Being a tenured/tenure-earning faculty at USF, other than Physics, or being a member of the Affiliate Graduate Faculty is **not** sufficient to act as a Co-major Professor. The required procedure to become a Co-major Professor in Physics is outlined below.



candidate may also request to be granted the right to act as Co-major Professor for graduate students. This request is then considered in a concurrent vote. A simple majority of the votes will approve this request. The result of the vote should be conveyed to the Dean by the Department Chair and the outcome of the vote should be reflected in the offer letter to the candidate. If the right to be a Co-major Professor has been denied (or it has not been initially sought) a continuing-line research faculty may ask for a separate vote to grant Co-major Professor status anytime, but at most once a year, while the appointment to the continuing-line research faculty position remains active.

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