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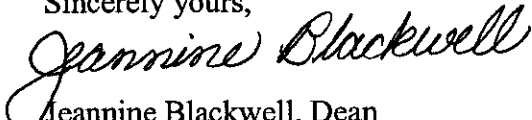
Dr. Ernest Yanarella, Chair
University Senate
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Dear Dr. Yanarella:

The Graduate Council has approved three proposed changes to the structure of the Doctoral Program and recommended them to the Graduate Faculty for a vote. Results of the vote were in approval for all three proposals. Included with this letter are the three proposals and the voting results. The Council submits this recommendation for the consideration of the Senate.

Thank you for your attention to this request.

Sincerely yours,


Jeannine Blackwell, Dean
The Graduate School

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cc: Rebecca Scott
Jacquie Hager

Proposal 1 was passed by Graduate Council on 09/30/2004.

Doctoral Program Proposal 1: Dissertation Research Credit

Graduate Council has passed the following change in third year of the three-year doctoral residence requirement (Post-Qualifying Residence).

A new course will be established in each doctoral program , XXX 767 Dissertation Research Credit (2 credit hours), where XXX is the program rubric, such as ENG or SW. Continuous enrollment in this course will constitute **full-time enrollment**, as registered in SIS or later student information systems. Students in this course will pay the regular Graduate School rate of **in-state** tuition for 2 credit hours, plus mandatory fees. Students will remain continuously enrolled in this course (Fall and Spring) until they have completed and defended the dissertation. **Final enrollment in this course will be for the semester (fall, spring or summer) of the final examination.** Students needing continuing enrollment beyond the semester of the final examination will register in XXX 769 at 0 credit hours, with no tuition charge. Students may be responsible for other fees and student loan repayment.

Students will be required to complete 2 semesters of XXX 767 before they can graduate. For students whose programs of study or certification standards require an extended practicum or field experience, enrollment in XXX 767 can be waived for up to one year by the Dean of the Graduate School, on the recommendation of the Director of Graduate Studies. If it is waived, the student will be enrolled by the Director of Graduate Studies in 769 (0 hours), with no tuition charge. Students may be responsible for other fees and student loan repayment.

The tuition charge including mandatory fees would be approximately \$630 per semester for 2 credits of in-state tuition at current rates. Under the present system, students (or state funds or grants) pay a total of c. \$4650 for the 9+9 credit hours of XXX 769 for in-state tuition. It would take 9 semesters, or 4.5 years past the Qualifying examination to reach the equivalent in credit hours of the current model. Currently, students have 5 years past the semester of the Qualifying examination to finish the doctorate.

The change would look like this in the language of the *Graduate Bulletin*:

Model I a) master's degree or 18 graduate hours at the University of Kentucky, or transfer of residence credit from an awarded master's at another accredited school; *plus*, b) two consecutive semesters enrolled full-time, i.e., 9 or more credits per semester (may include combined first and second summer sessions); *plus*, c) completion with a grade of "S" of two consecutive semesters of XXX 767, dissertation research credit (2 credits) after successfully passing the qualifying examination. Students may register in XXX 767 during the semester of the Qualifying Examination. They may take the Qualifying Examination any time during the semester.

Model II a) master's degree or 18 graduate hours at the University of Kentucky, or transfer of residence credit from an awarded master's at another accredited school; *plus*, b) enrollment part-time (at least 6 graduate credits per semester) during three consecutive semesters; plus, c) completion with a grade of "S" of two consecutive full-time semesters of XXX 767, dissertation research credit (2 credits) after successfully passing the qualifying examination. Students may register in XXX 767 during the semester of the Qualifying Examination.

Model III a) master's degree or 18 graduate hours at the University of Kentucky, or transfer of residence credit from an awarded master's at another accredited school; plus, b) accumulation of 24 graduate credits at the University of Kentucky (exclusive of short courses; no more than nine of these 24 credits may be earned in summer sessions) during three consecutive academic or calendar years; plus, c) completion with a grade of "S" of two consecutive full-time semesters of XXX 767, dissertation research credit (2 credits) after successfully passing the qualifying examination. Students may register in XXX 767 during the semester of the Qualifying Examination.

Should this proposal be accepted, it will go into effect in the following way:

- All students enrolled in doctoral programs for the first time in Fall 2005 will be subject to the new 767 requirement
- Any student who is post-Qualifying before the end of summer term 2005 will graduate under the old post-Qualifying residency rules
- At the beginning of Fall 2005 this requirement will go into effect for all students who have not yet taken the Qualifying Examination, unless they opt not to follow the new rule
- According to University rules, any student who was first enrolled in a doctoral program before Fall 2005, but has not yet taken the Qual Exam, may opt to follow the old post-Qualifying residency rules. Such doctoral students who opt for the old 769 rule must have maintained continuous enrollment in their doctoral program and must inform the DGS and the Graduate School of this choice before the Qualifying Examination to request registration in the 769 for the 18 hour credit
- Students who are readmitted to a program after stopping out will be subject to the new rules, if they have not yet taken the Qualifying Examination
- Students cannot combine enrollments from old and new rules

New Doctoral Students

Doctoral students entering Fall
2005 and after

take XXX 767 (2) continuously after Qual Exam

Currently enrolled Doctoral students

post-Qualifying before the end of
SS II, 2005

follow old rule

pre-Qualifying

follow old rule, or opt for new rule (inform DGS
and Grad School)

Implementation:

- In Spring 2005, the Graduate School will introduce the XXX 767 course proposals en masse, with explanatory material.
- In Spring 2005, the Graduate School will provide a list to DGS's of all doctoral students who are post-Qualifying, and thus must follow the old rules and all doctoral students who are pre-Qualifying, and thus can opt for either system at the time of the Qual Exam.
- Each semester from Fall 2005 forward, the Graduate School will make available to the DGS a list of all students in his or her program who are enrolled in the new XXX 767. Students who opt for the old rules must inform the DGS and the Graduate School.
- The Graduate School and the DGS will continue to register those "old rule" students under the old 769/749 rules until the end of their continuous enrollment. Students under the new 767 will register themselves via VIP or on-line registration.
- Because of time rules currently in place, for students who are post-Qualifying by the end of Summer Session II, 2005, **the old 769 rule will expire at the end of Summer Session II, 2010, unless the student has been granted a time extension by the Dean or Graduate Council.**

Proposal 2 was passed by Graduate Council on 11/04/04

**Doctoral Program Proposal 2:
Time limit for pre-Qualifying Stage**

The Graduate Council has defined a pre-Qualifying time limit of 5 years from the semester of first enrollment in doctoral status. This time limit applies to all programs, but the graduate faculty of a doctoral program (or group of programs) has the option to petition Graduate Council for a program-specific modification to this limitation. This modification will then apply to all doctoral students in that program. Programs can allow a longer time limitation only by petition to Graduate Council. Programs may impose a shorter time limit than five years, either by Graduate Council petition or by inclusion of the requirement in the program Graduate Student Handbook.

This time limit will go into effect for all new doctoral students enrolled in Fall 2005 and thereafter.

According to University rules, this pre-Qualifying time limit does not apply to currently enrolled doctoral students.

For students who are making good progress (as defined by the program in the Graduate Student Handbook) and who need more time because of extraordinary circumstances, an extension of up to 1 year in the pre-Qualifying period may be granted by petitioning the Dean of the Graduate School. Further extension of the period before the Qualifying Examination up to 2 additional years will occur under only exceptional circumstances. It may be considered by the Graduate Council only on the positive recommendation of the Director of Graduate Studies, the chair of the student's doctoral advisory committee, and a majority vote of Graduate Faculty in the program. No extensions beyond 3 years will be granted.

Proposal 3 was approved by Graduate Council on 11/04/04

**Doctoral Program Proposal 3:
Define Good Progress in Doctoral Program**

In the Graduate Student Handbook, each doctoral program will define good progress to completion of the doctoral degree. Each doctoral student's good progress toward the degree will be reviewed (at least) annually by one of these bodies: the Graduate Faculty in the program, the doctoral advisory committee, or other graduate education committee. Each student will be informed in writing about the results of that meeting by the Director of Graduate Studies or the chair of the advisory committee, or their designee.

This policy will be included in the Policies and Procedures Manual for Directors of Graduate Studies.

Programs may include consequences of lack of good progress in their Graduate Student Handbook.