Policy Number: 102

Subject/Title: Doctoral Committee Structure

Effective Date: Fall 2011

Policy Statement: Doctoral committees will be structured according to the following:

PRE-EXAM Committee
* Advisor (same division required)

**ADDITIONAL MEMBERS NOT REQUIRED PRIOR TO PRELIMINARY EXAM, BUT MAY BE ADDED**
* 2\textsuperscript{nd} member ("minor" division/discipline)
* 3\textsuperscript{rd} member ("breadth" division/discipline) → must represent different divisions
  4\textsuperscript{th} member (optional)

POST EXAM Committee

DrPH Dissertation Committee
* Advisor (major division required)
* 2\textsuperscript{nd} member ("minor" division/discipline)
* 3\textsuperscript{rd} member ("breadth" division/discipline) → must represent different divisions
  4\textsuperscript{th} member (optional/ may be dissertation supervisor)

PhD – Dissertation Committee
* Advisor (major division/discipline required)
* 2\textsuperscript{nd} member ("minor" division/discipline)
* 3\textsuperscript{rd} member ("breadth" division/discipline) → must represent different divisions
  4\textsuperscript{th} member (optional/may be dissertation supervisor)

NOTES:
- *UTSPH Faculty
- Academic Advisor = Chair of committee
- Any committee member may serve as the supervisor for the project
- ALL COMMITTEE MEMBERS CAN NOT BE PRIMARY FACULTY IN ONE DIVISION
- Concentration(s) – if applicable, must be represented on committee
- Minor = 9 credit hours and at least 3 courses beyond the core

Reason for Policy: The proposed committee structure was developed to facilitate faculty mentoring of students based on major, concentration, degree program and culminating experience option.

Definitions: N/A

Scope and Audience: Students matriculating Fall 2011 and onward

Responsibilities and Procedures: Outlined above; Primary advisor assigned upon admission. Students elect to add committee members based on dissertation project.
Related Policies, Forms and Information: Doctoral Committee Structure Forms (Proposal and Dissertation)

History: Developed and approved in Fall 2010 to coincide with change in qualifying exam to preliminary exam and proposal and dissertation defense(s).

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