

Extracted from the document *Proposed New Academic Policy Revisions and Guidance on Policy Interpretation* posted on the CoC web site and approved by the Committee on Instruction November 4<sup>th</sup> 2009.

### **Policy regarding changes in composition of defense or candidacy examination committees**

The composition of a defense or candidacy examination committee, once formally appointed and constituted by the Dean of Instruction and Graduate Studies, may not change following the commencement of the candidacy examination or defense. In the event of a suspension of proceedings, or a failure of the examination or defense, the composition of the committee may only be changed in the presence of a legitimate extenuating circumstance (illness, departure from the institution, sabbatical leave, etc.) which prevents the participation of one or more of its members.