

PRESIDENT'S POLICY MEMORANDUM NO. 261

TO: All Faculty and Graduate Students

FROM: Charles W. Steger *WWS*

DATE: July 31, 2009

SUBJECT: Defending Student Status for Qualified Graduate Students

Approved by CGSP: February 18, 2009
Approved by University Council: March 2, 2009
Effective Date: June 1, 2009

The University Council on recommendation of the Commission on Graduate Studies and Policies approved a resolution to revise and clarify Policy Memorandum No. 97 on Defending Student Status for Qualified Graduate Students.

Following is the text of that resolution.

Whereas, Policy Memorandum No. 97 originally defining Defending Student Status is unclear on the issue of deadlines and does not match current implementation, and

Whereas, students who register "for defense only" have completed all other degree requirements and are generally not on financial support, therefore be it

Resolved, that the status designated DEFENDING STUDENT be available during the semester of graduation when a student:

- has fulfilled all residency and course requirements and does not take or audit any courses that semester,
- has scheduled and received confirmation from the graduate school for the date of his or her final examination by Friday of the third week of classes, and
- is not on assistantship during that semester.

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Let it further be

Resolved that qualifying students need not register themselves for any credit hours but instead would pay a Defending Student's Fee; the Graduate School would then register the student for the one required credit hour of "Final Examination" at no additional charge to the student.

Resolved that students approved for Defending Student Status meet normal deadlines during the semester for defending and submitting the thesis or dissertation to the graduate school for approval.

Resolved that the Defending Student Status fee not exceed the cost of one credit hour.

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