
CGU Policy Regarding Dissertation Committee Membership

Composition of the Dissertation Committee

1. Each dissertation committee will consist of at least three members drawn from the core CGU faculty or the Claremont Colleges extended faculty on the condition that at least one committee member must be a core CGU faculty member in the candidate's school. Claremont Graduate University encourages the inclusion on each dissertation committee of an expert in the student's field from outside the Claremont Colleges. There may be an outside examiner on a four-person committee, but not on a three-person committee. The outside examiner may be a faculty member from another institution, or a qualified practitioner. The outside examiner has a vote in the committee's proceedings only with the consent of the dean of the school. The chair of the candidate's committee must be a member of the core CGU faculty or the Claremont Colleges extended faculty. Each dissertation committee must be approved by the Dean.

2. Announcement of Defense: To foster the tradition of public defenses, the event should be publicly announced.
 - a. Means: An announcement of the defense should be posted at the departmental office and e-mailed to all faculty at CGU and to faculty likely to have an interest at the other Claremont Colleges.

 - b. Timing: The announcement must be made at least a week before the scheduled defense.

 - c. Responsibility: It is the responsibility of the academic unit sponsoring the defense to make the announcements.

Approved by the FEC 11-3-97; amended by the FEC, 4-19-99, revised by the FEC 11/29/99;
Amended and Approved FEC 11/13/06 and Faculty 11/27/06