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**ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE**  
**Thursday, February 5, 2015, 2:15 – 3:30 P.M.**  
**Graduate School Conference Room**

**Present:** Phuriwat Anusonti-Inthra (UTSI; via speaker phone), Mehmet Aydeniz, Shandra Forrest-Bank, Pat Freeland (Chair, Graduate Council), Stephanie N. Galloway (ex officio, Assistant Dean of Graduate School), Yanfei Gao, Paul Gellert, Carolyn Hodges (ex officio, Dean of Graduate School), Stefanie Ohnesorg (Chair, APC), Marian Roman

The meeting was called to order by Stefanie Ohnesorg, Chair, at 2:15 p.m.

The Minutes from the January 8, 2015, APC meeting were approved unanimously; Mehmed Aydeniz volunteered to take the minutes for today's meeting (February 5, 2015).

**1. Final Examination for Non-Thesis Students**

APC is working on revisions for adapting this policy in order to accommodate programs with online and/or blended delivery of course content.

**2. Grading Scale**

APC discussed whether revising the current grading scale by adding minuses would be desirable. We reviewed a table which identified the various grading scales for graduate studies currently used at the Top 25 public universities, and we discussed possible advantages and disadvantages of moving toward a more refined grading scale for graduate studies at UT. APC will continue this discussion in March where we will also look at research that focuses on the advantages and disadvantages of different grading scales.

**3. How to Handle Incompletes during a Student's Leave of Absence**

If a grade of Incomplete is not replaced by a letter grade within a year, it will automatically convert into a grade of "F". This also applies to students who are on an approved Leave of Absence. However, in situations where extenuating circumstances make it impossible for a graduate student on an LOA to complete the work within a year, the instructor must petition the Dean of the Graduate School for approval to change the Incomplete to a grade.

The next APC meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2015, and is the last APC meeting for the 2014-15 academic year.

*Meeting adjourned at 3:30 pm.*