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ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2003, 2:00 P.M.

4<sup>th</sup> Floor Conference Room, Andy Holt Tower

Members Attending: Stefanie Ohnesorg (Chair), Bob Auge, Charles Feigerle, Jason Jeffreys, Anne Mayhew, Matthew Murray, Kay Reed, Thomas Turner.

The meeting was called to order by Stefanie Ohnesorg, Chair.

Course 600 Doctoral Research and Dissertation.

The committee continued the review and discussion of the Graduate Catalog policy on continuous registration requirements for course 600 Doctoral Research and Dissertation. The committee members discussed the responses from their faculty colleagues. The committee discussed outcomes from changing the required number of hours for dissertation to a requirement below 24. Mayhew volunteered to prepare a report for the group on the impact of decreasing the number of hours required to 18.

The committee developed the following statement as a point of discussion and work in progress to address the issues involved in the policy on Course 600:

Registration for 600 Doctoral Research and Dissertation (*possibly to replace the section on "Continuous Registration" (page 23)*)

Initial registration for 600 should be determined by each department and generally correspond to the time at which a student begins to work actively on dissertation research. From this time on, students are required to register for at least 3 hours of 600 in each semester for which the student is actively engaged in dissertation research.

The group will continue this discussion at the next meeting on January 15, 2004.

The meeting adjourned at 3:30 P.M.