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ACADEMIC POLICY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 2003, 2:00 P.M.

4th Floor Conference Room, Andy Holt Tower

Members Attending: Stefanie Ohnesorg (Chair), Bob Auge, Charles Feigerle, Karla Matteson, Matthew Murray, Kay Reed, Thomas Turner.

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

1. Committee By-Laws and Operating Procedures.

The by-laws were reviewed to consider any substantive changes that may be needed. One clarification was made to the Meeting description. A change to the Agenda description was made to note that faculty and students are encouraged to present items for the agenda through direct contact with Graduate Council representatives or through contacts with the Office of Graduate Studies. The changes are reflected in the [By-Laws and Operating Procedures](#) document.

Ohnesorg recommended the development of a web site using Blackboard ([Online@UT](#)) for the committee. The web site would allow for discussion of graduate policies by the larger university community.

2. Course 600 Doctoral Research and Dissertation.

The committee reviewed the Graduate Catalog policy on continuous registration requirements for course 600 Doctoral Research and Dissertation. Dean Mayhew had asked several groups to consider the existing policy to determine if changes are needed. One area of change may be in specifying a prerequisite for the initial registration in course 600. These prerequisites may be program specific. Since the committee had discussed the required number of hours of dissertation at its final meeting in Spring 2003, that requirement was brought up again, as well as other aspects of registration for dissertation hours. The committee members were asked to discuss this policy with their faculty colleagues and bring back information at the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:00 P.M.