COMMITTEE ON RULES AND JURISDICTION
REPORT TO THE RIVERSIDE DIVISION
MAY 24, 2005

Proposed Change to the Graduate Council bylaw GR4.6.1

To be adopted:

PRESENT:

PROPOSED:

GR4.6.1  The committee guides the candidate in his/her research and passes upon the merits of his/her dissertation and conducts a final or oral examination

The committee guides the candidate in his/her research and passes upon the merits of his/her dissertation and may conduct a final or oral examination

JUSTIFICATION:

Several departments on campus, in keeping with disciplinary norms, prefer not to conduct a final or oral examination and so routinely request a waiver of this requirement. In other departments and programs, the final oral examination remains an important component of the dissertation. The Council has determined that the decision to require or not require a final or oral examination should be at the discretion of the dissertation committee and therefore requests this change.

Approved by the Graduate Council: 12/10/04
The Committee on Rules and Jurisdiction finds the wording consistent with the Code of the Academic Senate: 2/7/05
Endorsed by the Advisory Committee: 2/14/05