Faculty of Biotechnology Order
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Subject: Thesis proposal examination requirement for Master degree students

Due to current changes from many of the funding resources especially government funding agents and also for excelling high quality Master degree thesis, the requirement for thesis proposal examination will be set up and implement in semester 2/2013 (January 6, 2014). The requirement details are as follow:

1. Every student will have to submit their thesis proposal to the thesis proposal committee for approval no later than the end of the second semester that the students enroll for the thesis with approval of thesis advisor.

2. Thesis proposal committee should consist of thesis advisor and two committee members, whose at least one is external member. Chair of the committee may be one of the two members that is not thesis advisor. The thesis proposal committee member may consist of the same member as the thesis exit committee. The student and thesis advisor need to submit the proposed committee members for approval from School Research Committee. Qualification of all members in the committee must be consistent with the Graduate Program Standard Criteria B.E. 2548 issued by Ministry of Education, Thailand.

3. Possible outcome of the proposal defense examination including:

   3.1 Pass unconditionally – the student demonstrated an understanding of the content necessary for conducting research according to the proposal.

   3.2 Pass conditionally – the student demonstrated some weakness in the contents that necessary for conducting research according to the proposal. The specific recommendation for passing the exam will be notified to the student with time frame specified by the committee but not exceed 60 days after the examination. The students must follow the recommendation as suggested by the committee within the time frame given.

   3.3 Not pass with option to retake – the student demonstrated inadequate knowledge in the content necessary for conducting research according to the proposal. The students should consult with thesis advisor to prepare the proposal for retake the examination. The re-examination should be within 6 months after the first examination (but not less than 2 months). Only one retake will be permitted for a student for a topic proposed. If the students could not pass the proposal defenses examination for the second time, the students may submit the request to change the topic for approval of the Chair of the thesis proposal committee and Program Director. The proposal defense examination of the new topic must be within 90 days of the approval. The examination will be treated as the new examination process.

   3.4 Fail – with the consideration from all the committee members on the proposal and knowledge of the student, the examination committee has a right to fail the student. In this case, the student will not be allowed to continue in M.S. degree program.

4. In the case that the students have to retake the thesis defense examination, there will be additional fees for examination according to the University rate.
5. If the students fail to process within the time frame of the examination or re-examination mentioned above, petition will need to be submitted to Program Director for approval of extension.

The students that have not registered for their thesis (as of semester 1/2013) will need to submit their thesis proposal for thesis proposal defense examination.

This appointment is effective from December 20, 2013.

Given on December 20, 2013

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