**IX. Thesis, Projects, and Comprehensive Evaluations**

**C. THESES/PROJECT COMMITTEE**

1. Each student enrolled in a dual degree bachelor’s/master's, master’s or C.A.G.S. degree program that requires a thesis ~~or culminating project~~ must have a thesis committee. This committee is chosen by consultation between the adviser and student. It consists of:
2. The adviser who serves as chair **and who is from within the academic program**,
3. The second member of the committee, who shall be in the same discipline and/or department as the adviser, or from a closely related discipline or department,
4. The third member who shall be from ~~a different discipline or department~~, **outside the department or program. Members from different disciplines are encouraged. The third committee member may be from another institution.**
5. ~~One member of the committee who may be from another institution.~~

Recommendations for members of the committee shall be approved by the Department Chair, Program Director and the appropriate academic Dean.

**D. Thesis/Project Approval**

2. At least 10 working days before the proposed date for the orals/presentation, the candidate shall submit unbound copies of the thesis to the adviser and members of the thesis committee.

Also, we propose to delete Appendix B-3: Request for Scheduling Oral Examination in Defense of the Thesis

This form is a 30-day notice of tentative defense dates. There is no mention of the 30-day notice in the text of the Graduate Manual, and nothing is done with this information as they are only tentative dates. Rather, the Graduate Manual does mention a requirement for 10 working-day advance notice of the thesis defense (Section IX.D.4; see text below), which seems sufficient notice for the Graduate Dean to announce the thesis defense date. We propose that the existing language below be the only policy/procedure for scheduling the defense date.

*Current section IX.D.4: The office of the Dean of the appropriate school and the Dean of Graduate Studies shall be notified 10 working days in advance of the orals/presentation and will ascertain that all other degree requirements have been completed.*