

# The University Senate of Michigan Technological University

## **PROPOSAL 06-05**

(Voting Units: Academic Units)

### **External Member on Plan C Masters Examination Committee**

#### **Background**

Some departments at MTU currently offer Masters degrees that require only course-work and an oral examination. There is no thesis, report or practicum.

This proposal is to remove the requirement that one member of the course-work Masters Degree examination committee be external to the department.

The proposal was developed by the Graduate Faculty Council and endorsed by the Dean of the Graduate School before it was sent to the Senate Curricular Policy Committee for review. It is included in the most recent Graduate Bulletin as a "provisional" requirement "subject to University Senate agreement".

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#### **Proposal:**

In those departments that have programs requiring that the student complete an oral examination to earn the course-work Masters degree, the department will develop policy concerning whether there is an external member on examining committees. Three members of an examining committee must be internal to the department. If there is an external member, he/she is a fourth member. Departmental policy concerning membership on oral examination committees must be applied consistently to every student in each program within a department.

**Proposal Defeated 27 October 2004**