

SIMON FRASER UNIVERSITY

S.87-11

MEMORANDUM

*As editorialized
S.M. May 11/87*

To.....Senate.....

From.....Office of the Dean of Graduate Studies.....

Subject.....Thesis Defence Outcomes.....

Date.....March 24, 1987.....

Action undertaken by the Senate Graduate Studies Committee, at its Meeting on March 23, 1987, gives rise to the following motion:

MOTION:

"That Senate approve and recommend approval to the Board of Governors, as set forth in S.87-11, the proposed change in the General Regulations for Graduate Students:

Delete:

1.10.2 Classification of the Thesis

The thesis is either passed or failed. However, if the Examining Committee judges that the thesis could pass with additional work, it may defer making a judgement until this work has been completed. A thesis upon which judgement is deferred in this way shall come forward for formal re-examination under 1.10.1 within a period specified by the Examining Committee; the Examining Committee may not defer judgement a second time. When a thesis is passed but needs minor revisions, these shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor before the candidate may be recommended for the degree. The title of a thesis which passed shall be recorded on the student's transcript. If the thesis is failed, then the student is required to withdraw from the University. Decision of the Examining Committee is by simple majority vote, except that a thesis may not be passed without the concurrence of the External Examiner.

Add:

1.10.2 Classification of the Thesis

There are four possible outcomes of the thesis defence:

- 1) The thesis may be passed as submitted.
- 2) The thesis may be passed on the condition that minor revisions be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor.
- 3) The Examining Committee may defer making judgement if it judges that the thesis could pass after additional work by the candidate. A Thesis upon which judgement is deferred shall come forward for re-examination within a period specified by the Examining Committee. The Examining Committee may require formal re-examination under Section 1.10.1

or may reach its decision by examination of the revised thesis. The Examining Committee may not defer judgement a second time.

- 4) The thesis may be failed. In this case, the candidate is required to withdraw from the University.

The decision of the Examining Committee is by simple majority vote except that, the Committee may not pass a thesis or defer its judgement on a thesis without the concurrence of the External Examiner."

in the cases of PhD candidates or candidates enrolled under special arrangements,
Rationale: Recent events have pointed out a need for greater clarity in the regulations governing the possible outcomes of thesis defences and for an alternative to formal re-examination if judgement on a thesis is deferred.

Add:

1.10.3 Recommendation for the Award of Degree

The title of the thesis, extended essays, professional paper and projects will be recorded on the student's transcript."



B.P. Clayman
Dean of Graduate Studies.

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MEMORANDUM

DEAN OF GRADUATE STUDIES

TO: Senate Graduate Studies Committee FROM: B.P. Clayman
 SUBJECT: THESIS DEFENCE OUTCOMES DATE: 19 January 1987

Recent events have pointed out a need for greater clarity in the regulations governing the possible outcomes of thesis defences and for an alternative to formal re-examination if judgement on a thesis is deferred. Below are the old and (suggested) new calendar entries:

1.10.2 CLASSIFICATION OF THE THESIS

The thesis is either passed or failed. However, if the Examining Committee judges that the thesis could pass with additional work, it may defer making a judgement until this work has been completed. A thesis upon which judgement is deferred in this way shall come forward for formal re-examination under 1.10.1 within a period specified by the Examining Committee; the Examining Committee may not defer judgement a second time. When a thesis is passed but needs minor revisions, these shall be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor before the candidate may be recommended for the degree. The title of a thesis which passes shall be recorded on the student's transcript. If the thesis is failed, then the student is required to withdraw from the University. Decision of the Examining Committee is by simple majority vote, except that a thesis may not be passed without the concurrence of the External Examiner.

Replace with:

"1.10.2 Classification of the Thesis

There are four possible outcomes of the thesis defence:

- 1) The thesis may be passed as submitted.
- 2) The thesis may be passed on the condition that minor revisions be completed to the satisfaction of the Senior Supervisor.
- 3) The Examining Committee may defer making judgement if it judges that the thesis could pass after additional work by the candidate. A thesis upon which judgement is deferred shall come forward for re-examination within a period specified by the Examining Committee. The Examining Committee may require formal re-examination under section 1.10.1 or may reach its decision by examination of the revised thesis. The Examining Committee may not defer judgement a second time.
- 4) The thesis may be failed. In this case, the candidate is required to withdraw from the University.

The decision of the Examining Committee is by simple majority vote except that the Committee may not pass a thesis or defer its judgement on a thesis without the concurrence of the External Examiner."

1.10.3 RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE

When a student has successfully defended the thesis and made any minor revisions required, the Supervisory Committee shall recommend award of degree. This recommendation goes for approval respectively to the Graduate Program Committee, the Faculty Graduate Studies Committee, the Senate Graduate Studies Committee and Senate, which has the final authority to award the degree.

Add:

"The title of the thesis shall be recorded on the student's transcript."



B.P. Clayman

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