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NATIONAL TAIWAN UNIVERSITY

Regulations Governing the Organization and Operation of the Committee for Enhancing Thesis/Dissertation Quality Review

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- Article 1 National Taiwan University (NTU or "the University") formulates the *Regulations Governing the Organization and Operation of the Committee for Enhancing Thesis/Dissertation Quality Review* ("the Regulations") in accordance with Article 6, Paragraph 2 of the *NTU Regulations for Enhancing the Quality of Theses and Dissertations*, in order to gain insight into how professors of an academic program advise theses and dissertations and ensure the quality of the theses and dissertations.
- Article 2 The Regulations apply to any department, graduate institute, or degree program (each an "academic program" or collectively "the academic programs") with two or more instances of academic integrity breaches in theses or dissertations within a three-year period, which have resulted in the revocation of degrees upon the University's review.
- Article 3 The Committee for Enhancing Thesis/Dissertation Quality Review ("the Committee") shall consist of five to nine members, including the Vice President for Student Affairs and representatives from colleges in the same academic field as the academic program in question. Where necessary, the President or Vice President for Student Affairs may appoint one to two scholars or experts with expertise in the same academic field as the academic program in question, either from within or outside the University, along with one to two impartial scholars or experts in law.

The Vice President for Academic Affairs shall serve as the convener and chair. If the Vice President for Academic Affairs shall recuse themselves, the President shall appoint an Executive Vice President to serve as convener and chair.

The academic fields referred to in the first paragraph are categorized as follows: Humanities and Social Sciences (including College of Liberal Arts, College of Social Sciences, College of Management, and College of Law), Natural Sciences and Engineering (including College of Science, College of Engineering, College of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and Graduate School of Advanced Technology), and Sciences of Life, Agriculture, and Medicine (including College of Medicine, College of Bio-Resources and Agriculture, College of Public Health, and College of Life Science). The faculty evaluation committees of each college within the same academic field as the academic program in question shall elect a full-time professor to serve as the representative.

The academic field of academic programs affiliated with the School of Professional Education and Continuing Studies, Center for General Education, Stanley Wang D-School @ NTU, and International College shall be determined in accordance with the *Standards for Academic Discipline Categorization for Institutes of Higher Education*.

Article 4 The responsibilities of the Committee are as follows:

1. Making an official visit to the academic program in question.
2. Completing a visitation report, submitting it to the President for approval, and then forwarding it to the responsible unit for disciplinary measures. The findings of the visitation report shall serve as the foundation for the reviewed academic program to make improvements.

Article 5 The principle of recusal for the Committee shall be subject to the relevant regulations stipulated in the *NTU Guidelines for Evaluation of Teaching and Research Units*.

Article 6 The Committee shall evaluate various aspects of the academic program in question during the visitation, including but not limited to admissions of the academic program, students' average period of study, the number of theses and dissertations advised per professor, the process of advising theses and dissertations, composition of the oral defense examination committee, topics of theses and dissertations, and the dates when theses and dissertations are made accessible to the public.

The evaluation report shall be submitted within 30 days upon the completion of the visitation. When necessary, the deadline for visitation report submission may be extended by 30 days.

Article 7 The Regulations shall be passed by the Academic Affairs Meeting and then implemented on the date of promulgation.