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Major Research Paper (MRP) Committees:

The MRP Committee, at minimum, must consist of the following members:

- One Supervisor
- One Committee Member (who is not also one of the supervisors)

At the time of the oral defence/examination, the committee will add:

- One External Examiner (except in the MA Sociology, MEd and MES/MESc programs where an external examiner is not required at the MRP level)

The Supervisor must be a Nipissing University Graduate Faculty (NUGF) Member. Overall, two members of the MRP Committee must be NUGF Members. In an MRP committee, that would be either Co-Supervisors both from NUGF or one Supervisor and one Committee Member from NUGF.

If the MRP Committee wants to include a Committee Member external to Nipissing University, a CV of the external committee member must be submitted to SGS along with the Request to Declare a Supervisory Committee Form for approval.

In the case of the MRP Committee, the External Examiner may be a faculty member at Nipissing University but external to the student candidate's degree program department. The External Examiner must not present a conflict of interest as defined in the External Examiner Policy.

Thesis Committees:

The Thesis Committee, at minimum, must consist of the following members:

- One Supervisor
- One Committee Member (who is not also one of the supervisors)

At the time of the oral defence/examination, the committee will add:

- One External Examiner

The Supervisor must be a (NUGF) Member. Overall, two members of the Thesis Committee must be NUGF Members. In a Thesis Committee, that would be either Co-Supervisors both from NUGF or one Supervisor and one Committee Member from NUGF.

If the Thesis Committee wants to include a Committee Member external to Nipissing University, a CV of the external Committee Member must be submitted to SGS along with the Request to Declare a Supervisory Committee Form for approval.

In the case of the Thesis Committee, the External Examiner must be external to Nipissing University. The External Examiner meet the criteria and must not present a conflict of interest as defined in the External Examiner Policy.

Dissertation Committees:

The Dissertation Committee, at minimum, must consist of the following members:

- One Supervisor
- Two Committee Members (who are not also one of the supervisors, one of whom must be a Full Member of the PhD Program Membership within the NUGF).

At the time of the oral defence/examination, the committee will add:

- One Internal Examiner
- One External Examiner

One Supervisor and one Committee Member must be NUGF Members. Additional Committee Members may be external to Nipissing University. The external Committee Member(s) must belong to a Canadian university. A CV of the external Committee Member(s) must be submitted to SGS along with the Request to Declare a Supervisory Committee Form for approval.

The Internal Examiner must be a NUGF Member who has not been involved with the supervision and direction of the dissertation and is in a position to render an objective and impartial assessment of the quality of the work.

In the case of the Dissertation Committee, the External Examiner must be external to Nipissing University. The External Examiner meet the criteria and must not present a conflict of interest as defined in the External Examiner Policy.