University Coordinating Committee on Graduate Affairs proposes amendment of Senate Regulation 682. A change to a provision in SR 682 specifying the interval between the filing of advancement to candidacy for a Master’s degree and the conferral of the degree if proposed. The revision would eliminate the requirement that a Master’s degree candidate file in the academic term prior to the one in which the student anticipates completing his or her work for the degree, allowing individual graduate divisions to decide the timeframe for advancement to candidacy. CCGA’s memo explaining its reasoning is attached as a reference. UCR&J has advised that the proposed legislative language is consistent with the Bylaws and Regulations of the Academic Senate.
No response at this time.
Response continued on next page.
RFC: SR 682 – PROPOSED AMENDMENT

The Graduate Council, based on a memo from its Educational Policy Committee (EPC), and discussions at its meeting on November 7, 2014 and from electronic communications and voting, considered the proposed amendment to Senate Regulation SR 682 RFC.

The Educational Policy Committee’s recommendation to Graduate Council that it endorse the proposed revisions to the Senate Regulation 682 on the timeline for Advancement to Candidacy for Master’s candidates.

Therefore, EPC recommends that the systemwide Academic Senate informs divisional academic senate(s) and/or graduate divisions to revise their published set of deadlines accordingly and communicate to all graduate program chairs, graduate program coordinator, graduate advisors and their continuing students the change(s) in procedures and timelines pertaining to Advancement to Candidacy.

Sincerely,

Kyaw Tha Paw U, Chair
Graduate Council

/vm

C: Gina Anderson, Academic Senate Executive Director