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## MEMORANDUM

To: University Graduate Council  
From: Paul R. Peluso, Ph.D. UGC Chair  
Date: August 19, 2020  
RE: Questions About Dissertation  
CC: Kevin Wagner, UFS President

Colleagues,

Following a charge from UFS President Kevin Wagner, at the August 19, 2020 University Graduate Council meeting, we agreed to take the following questions about college and program practices related to dissertation, and gather information for discussion for our next scheduled UGC meeting on September 16, 2020. Specifically, they are:

1. What are the formal/written policies in your unit/program for Dissertation Committee Chairs?
2. What are the formal/written policies in your unit/program for Dissertation Committee Members?
3. What are the informal/unwritten policies in your unit/program for Dissertation Committee Chairs?
4. What are the informal/unwritten policies in your unit/program for Dissertation Committee Members?
5. Given that "Dissertation" is a credit bearing/FTE generating course, how is this reflected on faculty member's assignment? Is it under instruction (i.e., a course), is it listed under instruction related, or is it listed as service?
6. Given that "Dissertation" is a credit bearing/FTE generating course, what is the practice for providing faculty credit or recognition for their effort (i.e., course release, additional compensation)? How/when is this credit or recognition realized (while students' are in dissertation or after)?
7. At present, there are no university-wide standards or policies on Dissertation and crediting the faculty. In your opinion, should there be one? If yes, what should be covered in it? If no, why not?
8. How do other SUS doctoral programs in your discipline handle this issue for dissertations? Might that work at FAU?