

### **Exam Committee Composition**

The SoE passed the following in 2005 (effective 1-06):

*The committee for doctoral oral examination must consist of at least five members, all members of the Graduate Faculty, and must include one regular graduate faculty member from outside of the student's department to represent the Graduate School.*

- 1. Unless petitioned by the student with compelling justification, and approved by the student's advisor and department, and the Graduate Office, the oral committee shall consist of a majority of faculty from the student's department.*
- 2. No more than one committee member on the exam may hold an ad hoc or courtesy graduate appointment.*

With regard to (1): Non-tenure-track faculty (e.g., lecturers) within academic departments serve critical instructional roles with SoE program and often hold graduate faculty status. That being said, the Office of Graduate Studies recommends that the majority of "departmental faculty" on oral examinations be regular, tenure-line faculty; the GSC supports this recommendation.