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## NEW POLICY: REGISTRATION IN ABSENTIA

The Executive Committee met on April 25, 2018 to discuss establishing a formal departmental policy concerning Registration in Absentia (RIA) fees for our graduate students. The policy consists of the following:

- (1) The department will cover three academic quarters of RIA fees at full cost, or up to six quarters at half cost (50%).
- (2) To qualify, students are required to have applied for external funding for their dissertation project.
- (3) Cost-sharing can consist of either 50% payment by the Department and 50% by Graduate Division (in the case of external funding) or 50% payment by the Department and 50% payment by the student.
- (4) Students are encouraged to waive health insurance when possible, thus reducing the overall cost of fees.
- (5) The University requires that students must have advanced to candidacy in order to qualify for RIA.

The application to apply for RIA cost-sharing can be found on the department website and must be submitted by August 15<sup>th</sup> for the following academic year.