Revision to the Policy on the Examination in the Defense of the Dissertation-

Approved motion reads:

Academic courtesy requires that a preliminary draft of the dissertation be submitted to each member of the supervisory committee and one copy to the department at least four weeks before the date of the oral examination. The supervisory committee, the chairperson of the major department, and such other members of the faculty may be appointed by the academic dean, will conduct the examination. Only members of the graduate faculty are invited to attend the oral exam and participate in the questioning. Only members of the committee may vote in determining the outcome of the exam. At least two weeks prior to the date of the examination, the major professor will present an announcement of the dissertation title and the date and place of the examination to the Office of Graduate Studies. The major professor may schedule a formal presentation of the dissertation to which students and public are invited, but this shall be a function separate from the oral examination.

See minutes for full discussion.