



Thaksin University

Supervision of Students Enrolled in English Language Graduate Programs

This document defines the role and obligations of the *Thesis Committee* supervising theses in English language graduate programs offered under the International College of Thaksin University (TSU), in Songkhla, Thailand.

1. Structure and Role of the Thesis Committee

- 1.1 The Thesis Committee is named by the International College, under the recommendation of the International Graduate Program committee.
- 1.2 The Thesis Committee is composed of one professor or researcher from a recognized international university or institution (the *International Supervisor*), and a Faculty member of Thaksin University (the *TSU Supervisor*). Other members can be added, if needed, with approval from the International College. The International College can assist in the identification of an International Supervisor.
- 1.3 The role of the Thesis Committee is to define, in conjunction with the PhD Candidate, the research program, and to supervise the research work and academic progress of the PhD Candidate.
- 1.4 The Thesis Committee defines its own operational procedures to achieve its mandate.

2. Obligations of the Thesis Committee

- 2.1 The main obligation of the Thesis Committee is to guide the work of the PhD Candidate, with an objective of producing a thesis that meets international academic and scientific standards.
- 2.2 In conjunction with the PhD Candidate, the Thesis Committee defines the research program of the thesis.
- 2.3 During the period of enrollment of the PhD Candidate, the Thesis Committee supervises and agrees on the work plan of the research work; and assures that the work is disseminated and benefits from an international recognition within the field of research.
- 2.4 The Thesis Committee has regular meetings on a quarterly basis, along with assuring that there is a continuous exchange of relevant documents as the research work progresses. Other meetings can be scheduled on an as needed basis. Since the PhD Candidate is normally within Thaksin University, the TSU Supervisor will normally meet the PhD Candidate on a more frequent basis.
- 2.5 The Thesis Committee assures that the PhD Candidate produces a thesis document that will meet international standards.
- 2.6 It is anticipated that the International Supervisor will play a mentorship role in working with the TSU Supervisor.
- 2.7 The Thesis Committee uses the academic forms of the International College to document the academic progress of the PhD Candidate in the program.
- 2.8 The Thesis Committee defines its own method of communication to achieve its role.