

THE GRADUATE FACULTY REPRESENTATIVE FOR THE ORAL EXAMINATION

- Appointed by the Graduate Dean, as the Dean's observer of the oral examination.
- Must be a current member of the graduate faculty who has directed (or co-directed) a doctoral dissertation to completion, at Kent or elsewhere.
- Invited to attend, but not vote at the "pre-oral" meeting.
- Participates in the oral examination, but does not sign the dissertation itself.
- Submits a report to the Graduate Dean.

THE MODERATOR FOR THE ORAL DEFENSE

- Selected by the dissertation committee from the current members of the graduate faculty who are authorized to direct dissertations.
- May not be a member of the candidate's department.
- Primary role is to moderate the oral examination and to be sure that the examination is conducted in a fair and civilized manner.
- Has the authority to suspend the oral examination.
- Does not vote, but does sign the Report of Oral Examination form.