

19. Disagreement Amongst Examiners

Where examiners fail to agree on a recommendation they shall report separately on the appropriate form to the Higher Degrees Committee. The Higher Degrees Committee may:

- a) accept a majority recommendation, provided that this includes the recommendation of at least one external examiner; or
- b) accept the recommendation of the external examiner or, if more than one, the agreed recommendation of the external examiners; or
- c) appoint an additional external examiner.

Where an additional external examiner is appointed, he/she shall not be informed of the recommendations of the other examiners but shall prepare an independent preliminary report on the basis of the thesis and, if he/she considers it necessary, conduct a further oral examination. On receiving the report of this additional external examiner the Higher Degrees Committee shall have options 18.2 a), b) or c) available to it.