

and grammatical errors, as well as corrections to references and minor re-writing to clarify context or interpretation.

Normally, errors of presentation can be remedied by *minor amendments* unless they are judged as fundamentally and comprehensively impairing the argument of the thesis, which would require substantial re-writing or re-structuring. In such a case it is advisable to recommend major amendments as the final form of the thesis would differ substantially from its original form and would need reassessing as a whole. For example, the inclusion of new data, fieldwork or practice, new analysis or substantial new additions to literature would be major amendments.

18.4 Awards of the University are formally conferred upon Research Degree students by a representative of the Vice-Chancellor acting on behalf of the Academic Board and the Board of Governors. The Graduate School Office Head is responsible for reviewing, checking and completing the recommendation paperwork for signature by a representative of the Vice-Chancellor.

19. Disagreement Amongst Examiners

Where examiners fail to agree on a recommendation they shall report separately on the appropriate form to the Graduate School Office. The Director of the Graduate School in consultation with the Research 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 Director of the Graduate School in consultation with the Research Degrees Committee shall have options 18.2 a), b) or c) available to it.

20. Students' Rights of Appeal

20.1 A student has the right to appeal against a decision of:

- a) the University to terminate his/her registration;
- b) the University to decline an application for transfer report or formal review

- c) the examination team to recommend the examination outcome of 18.2c), d) or e).

20.2 Grounds for appeal are limited to those set out in the 'General Regulations and procedures Affecting Students' which also sets out the appeals process.

21. Academic Offences Panel

Academic Offences often involve plagiarism. The University considers such offences to be a serious issue and it is important that students make themselves aware of what is meant by plagiarism and how to avoid it. The regulation concerning Academic Offences for research degree students is outlined in the 'General Regulations and procedures Affecting Students'.

22. Induction and Training

All research degree students are required to attend a number of generic and discipline specific courses during his/her period of study. For further information students should consult the relevant Researcher Development Programme Handbook. Please contact the Graduate School Office to obtain a hard copy. The handbooks are also available on the website.

Students on the International PhD Programme must undertake all mandatory elements of the Researcher Development Programme which are available to them as defined in their Study Protocol document.