Appendix II

Summary of Amendments made to the Regulations governing research student appeals effective from session 2003/04
(the complete Regulations are printed in the Research Student Handbook 2003)

Throughout the Document: deletion of “Department”
Substitute: “School”

A15 Delete “None of the members will have had any involvement in the candidature or previous knowledge of the circumstances beyond the routine matters that come before the Board and its Groups from time to time.”

Substitute “None of the members will be from the appellant’s School or have had any involvement in the candidature or previous knowledge of the circumstances beyond the routine matters that come before the Board and its Groups from time to time.”

A22 Addition of new “(v) in the drafting of the report the Appeal Group may take advice from the Research Degrees Office.”

A23 Delete in its entirety

A24 renumber as A23 Movement of word “normally” to read as follows:

“The Appeal Group will make a final decision on the appeal normally within three months of the date of the appointment of the Group.”

New A24 “After the appellant has been informed of the decision made by the Appeal Group, the report of the Appeal Group is forwarded for purposes of information to the Graduate Board”.

A25 Deleted and replaced by: “If dissatisfied by the outcome of the appeal, the student may, within a period of two months following notification of the decision of the Appeal Group, ask for the matter to be referred for final review by the University. This review, which will be conducted by the Vice-Chancellor (or the Vice-Chancellor’s delegate), will normally be concerned only with:

Evidence of material procedural irregularities in the appeal that could have disadvantaged the student;

Relevant material information or evidence introduced at this review stage which could not have been introduced earlier;

Evidence which supports the view that the judgement of the Group established to consider the appeal was perverse or unreasonable.

The Vice-Chancellor (or the Vice-Chancellor’s delegate) may take such action as he/she deems appropriate, and his or her judgement will represent the University’s final decision on the appeal.”

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