

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING – HIGHER DEGREE BY RESEARCH THESIS AND EXAMINATION PROVISIONS 2020

1 Purpose and application

These provisions give practical effect within the Faculty of Engineering (“the Faculty”) to:

- (a) The [Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Policy 2015](#) (“the policy”); and
- (b) The [Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Procedures 2020](#) (“the procedures”).

2 Commencement

These provisions commence on 1 January 2022.

3 Definitions

Words and phrases used in these provisions and not otherwise defined in this document have the meanings they have in the policy and procedures.

4 Mode of examination

- (1) At least four weeks before the student lodges notice of their intention to submit their thesis, the student and their lead supervisor must:
 - (a) discuss:
 - (i) the modes of examination specified in clause 10 of the policy; and
 - (ii) the reasons why a particular mode of examination is most appropriate for the candidature; and
 - (b) agree on the appropriate mode of examination for the candidature.
- (2) The Faculty strongly encourages students to select oral examinations as the mode of examination.

Note: See clauses 10 and 14 of the [policy](#).

5 Conduct of oral examinations

- (1) In the Faculty, the oral examination will be preceded by a 30-45 minute presentation of the thesis by the student.
 - (a) Unless prohibited by confidentiality considerations, the presentation should be open to the public at large.



- (b) The audience may ask questions.
 - (c) The presentation and the answers to questions are not assessable.
 - (d) The examiner must be present.
 - (e) The supervisors may attend but cannot ask questions.
 - (f) Efforts should be made to advertise the presentation in advance, both to the University community and the public at large, to attract interested attendees.
- (2) After a brief recess, the student, the examiners and the Chair of Examination will move to a private venue to begin the oral examination as specified in subclause 23(18) of the procedures.

NOTES

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Approved by: Dean of Engineering, Prof. Willy Zwaenepoel

Signature:

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Rescinded documents:

Related Documents: Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Policy 2015

Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Procedures 2020

AMENDMENT HISTORY

Provision Amendment

Commencing