

Standing Committee Meeting 27/10/09

4. Updates to University Guidelines for Research Degree Programmes

4.1 Section 5.1 Entry Requirements

The Dean of Graduate Studies recalled that it had been agreed (CA/STD/M99/1) that provision needed to be made for a reduction in the stated four-year standard PhD timetable for candidates who would already have a Master degree, and that, following consultation, she was now recommending the insertion of the following amended sentence in Section 5.1 of the Guidelines (amendment in italics):

“The relevant College may reduce this period where the thesis has been approved for examination prior to the end of the four-year period, *provided, however, that the minimum period of registration for candidates with a Master qualification is not less than two years and not less than three years for all other candidates.*”

The Committee **adopted** the recommendation (Revised section appended, CA/STD/M103/4.1 *leis seo*).

4.2 Amendment to ‘Approval for Examination’ form EOG 020

The Dean of Graduate Studies reported that, as the University Guidelines for Research Degree Programmes were formally adopted by the university in October 2007, an update to EOG-20, the ‘Approval for Examination’ form was required to include the requirement for Signature of Head of School in cases where PhD students are in the system pre-2007 and who would not have a Graduate Research Committee (GRC). Also, as there was a duplication of a signature line under Candidate’s Primary Supervisor, this should be removed.

The Committee **adopted** the recommendation (Revised form EOG 020, CA/STD/M103/4.2 *leis seo*)