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Thesis Evaluation Guidelines

19. Thesis Evaluation

19.1. The Vice Chancellor shall consider the panel of 6 examiners (3 Indian & 3 Foreign) already recommended by the Doctoral committee at the time of Synopsis submission and appoint two examiners consisting of one from each of the above categories.

19.2. The thesis shall be referred to the first two examiners from the panel as nominated by the Vice-Chancellor recommended by the Doctoral Committee.

19.3. In the case of undue delay in receiving the report from the examiner, the Director Research shall refer the thesis to the second examiner selected by the Vice Chancellor.

19.4. The examiners are expected to send, in the prescribed form, their reports within two months from the date of receipt of the thesis.

19.5. The examiner shall include in his report an overall assessment placing the thesis in one of the following categories:

- a)** Recommended for the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy: Commended/Highly Commended.
- b)** Recommended for Revision before Viva Voce
- c)** Recommended for Revision and Resubmission
- d)** Not Recommended and Rejected

The examiner shall enclose a report in about 500 words the standard attained in regard to category **(a)**, the nature of revision in regard to category **(b)**, the major revision required in the category of **(c)** and the reasons in regard to category **(d)**.

19.6. Based on the reports of the examiners, Director (Research) will act further with the due approval of the Vice Chancellor:

19.6.1. If both the examiners recommended the award of the degree, thesis shall be provisionally accepted. Any minor revision, modification etc., suggested by the examiners shall be carried out by the research scholar and duly certified by the research supervisor before the viva voce examination.

19.6.2. If both examiners recommended rejection, the thesis shall be rejected and the registration of the research scholar shall stand cancelled.

19.6.3. If one examiner recommends the award of the degree while the other recommends rejection, then the thesis shall be referred to a third examiner to be

nominated by the Vice-Chancellor. If two of the three examiners recommended the award, the thesis shall be provisionally accepted.

19.6.4. If any examiner recommends correction / revision of the thesis, the candidate shall be permitted only once to revise and resubmit the thesis within six months. The Doctoral Committee shall study the report of the examiners to ascertain whether the corrections / revisions carried out in the thesis is as suggested by the examiners and then recommend panel for constitution of a Viva Voce Examination Board, within a period of three months from the receipt of the reports by the supervisor.

19.6.5. If any examiner recommends revision of the thesis, the Scholar shall be permitted only once to revise and resubmit the thesis within six months and the revised thesis shall be referred to the same examiner only in situations such as **(i)** When the examiner recommends new experiments and major modification involving new methodology and also **(ii)** The examiner insists the University to send the thesis back to the same examiner after revision for offering his final decision on the thesis which should only be either recommended for the award or rejection. In case, the examiner does not insist on sending the thesis back to him, then the University may refer the revised thesis to the Doctoral Committee for verification/acceptance.

19.6.6. Individual cases not covered by the above clauses shall be referred to the Vice-Chancellor. On reasons deemed fit, the Vice-Chancellor shall refer to the Board of Research, Development and Consultancy which in turn shall refer to the Board of Management, if necessary.

Director Research