

## GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES BOARD

### MINUTES

Thursday, 15 August 2024  
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

A204, Glasnevin Campus

**Present:** Ms Lisa Buckley, Ms Isabelle Caulfield, Dr Alan Gorman, Ms Karen Keating, Mr Josh King, Prof. Theo Lynn, Dr David Mc Carthy (Secretary), Prof. Sharon O'Brien (Chair), Dr Niamh O'Sullivan, Dr Lisa Van der Werff and Dr Gëzim Visoka.

**Apologies:** Dr Conor Brennan, Ms Fiona Brennan, Ms Nuala Clancy, Dr Maura Coulter and Prof. Timo Gans.

The Chair welcomed two new members to Graduate Research Studies Board (GRSB), Dr Alan Gorman, Deputy Chair of the Doctor of Education (EdD) programme, DCU Institute of Education; and Mr Josh King, Postgraduate Officer, DCU Students' Union. The Chair also thanked Ms Nicola O'Reilly for agreeing to join GRSB as the postgraduate student representative and for her contribution to the discussions and decisions of the Board.

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### SECTION A: MINUTES AND RELATED ISSUES

#### 1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

#### 2. Minutes of the meeting of 30 May 2024

The minutes of the meeting of 30 May 2024 were **approved** subject to the following change being made (~~deleted text~~, added text):

"It was noted that a student's physical signature should no longer be recorded in either the ~~hardbound copy~~ or electronic version of a thesis. DCU Registry will revise the PGR 12: E-Thesis Submission Declaration Form to include the signed student declaration and indicate that only the student's ~~physical~~ typed signature should ~~not~~ appear ~~anywhere~~ in the ~~hardbound copy~~ or electronic version of the thesis" (pp. 5).

### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

Matters arising from the meeting of 30 May 2024 were **noted** as follows:

	<i>Item no. from 30 May 2024</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Details of decision/actions</i>	<i>Status</i>
3.1	7.10 (Original Ref. Item 7.10, 25 April 2024)	PGR4, DCU Institute of Education	The Chair provided an update on Item 3.1, setting out the rationale provided regarding the reciprocal arrangement query raised with the Head of School, which was considered by the Board. The PGR4 was not approved. It was noted that an alternative External Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 may be considered by Chair's Action.	Ongoing  Registry awaiting submission of revised PGR4 by Principal Supervisor.
3.2	5	Thesis Submission Procedure	Further consultation with Faculty Research Committees, postgraduate research students and DCU alumni was approved to determine if there is appetite for changing the thesis submission procedure to require only an electronic version and ensure that the views of all relevant stakeholders are duly considered before any further decisions are made.	Ongoing  This item will be discussed at a later meeting of GRSB to allow for engagement with all relevant stakeholders.
3.3	9.2	PGR14, School of Communications	<u>Decision Deferred</u> . It was <b>noted</b> that a timeline to submission should be provided, which includes a schedule of meetings, key milestones and agreed deliverables. The revised PGR14 may be considered by Chair's Action.	Ongoing  Registry awaiting submission of revised PGR14 by Principal Supervisor.

3.4	6.23	PGR3, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	<u>Approved</u> subject to Registry confirming publication details of articles with Principal Supervisor(s).	Complete Registry confirmed on 1 July 2024 that publication details of articles were provided.
3.5	7.14	PGR4, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering	<u>Not Approved</u> . The Board considered the rationale provided regarding the reciprocal arrangement query raised with the Head of School. It was <u>noted</u> that an alternative External Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 may be considered by Chair's Action.	Complete Approved by Chair's Action on 1 July 2024.
3.6	7.11	PGR4, School of Human Development	<u>Not Approved</u> . The Board considered the rationale provided regarding the reciprocal arrangement query raised with the Head of School. It was <u>noted</u> that an alternative External Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 may be considered by Chair's Action.	Complete Approved by Chair's Action on 13 June 2024.
3.7	8.1	PGR13, School of Arts Education and Movement	<u>Decision Deferred</u> . It was <u>noted</u> that further information is required regarding how the student will conduct their research while residing abroad and their work commitments during this period; the communication schedule for the 2024/25 academic year; and whether there are arrangements in place for local supervision and if the student will have access to library resources. The revised PGR13 may be considered by Chair's Action.	Complete Approved by Chair's Action on 21 June 2024.

3.8	8.2	PGR13, School of Language, Literacy & Early Childhood Education	<u>Decision Deferred</u> . It was <u>noted</u> that the date of ethical approval should be confirmed given the date of entry to the programme. It was further <u>noted</u> that additional information is required regarding whether there are arrangements in place for local supervision and if the student will have access to library resources. The revised PGR13 may be considered by Chair's Action.	Complete Approved by Chair's Action on 12 July 2024.
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The Chair provided an update on Item 3.2, informing the Board that the Graduate Studies Office has conducted a survey of current postgraduate research students and alumni regarding the requirement to submit a hardcopy version of their thesis upon completion of the examination process. The Chair explained that each Associate Dean for Research (ADR) has also been requested to gather feedback from their respective Faculty Research Committee regarding the proposal to remove the requirement that postgraduate research students submit a hardcopy version of their thesis alongside the electronic version.

It was noted that data from the survey and feedback from the ADRs will be discussed at the October meeting of GRSB and used to inform the proposal on thesis submission procedures.

## SECTION B: POLICY AND STRATEGY ISSUES

### 4. Graduate researcher development

#### 4.1 Graduate Skills Sessions, September - October 2024

The Graduate Studies Office provided a list of the Graduate Skills Sessions that will be delivered in September and October 2024. The Chair requested the Associate Deans for Research to promote these sessions in their respective faculties.

#### Noted

## 5. Guidelines on PhD by Publication and PhD/Masters by Artefact or Creative Performance/Practice

### 5.1 Guidelines on PhD by Publication

The Chair called attention to specific revisions to the guidelines, in particular that the decision to submit 'by publication' should be made jointly by the candidate and the supervisor(s) at an early stage in the doctoral process, ideally in Year 1 but no later than the time of the confirmation/transfer examination; at least one publication should be reasonably expected to be in "Accepted" status by the time of the confirmation/transfer examination; and a candidate ought to have contributed at least 50% of effort to each of the three main publications included in the thesis. The Chair also informed the Board that the revised word count for PhD by Publication theses, i.e. 15,000-20,000 words, is benchmarked against those of other UK universities that accept this format of thesis.

**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that further revisions would be made to these guidelines following feedback from Registry and specific requests from members of the Board. The revised guidelines will be considered for approval electronically to allow for publication in time for the commencement of the new academic year.

### 5.2 Guidelines on PhD/Masters by Artefact or Creative Performance/Practice

The Chair informed the Board that the separate guidelines for PhD/Masters by Artefact and PhD/Masters by Creative/Performance Practice have been combined into a single set of guidelines due to the overlap between the two. The Chair called particular attention to the word count for PhD/Masters by Artefact or Creative Performance/Practice theses, i.e. 30,000 for PhD and 15,000 for Masters, which is benchmarked against those of other UK universities that accept these formats of theses.

**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that further revisions would be made to these guidelines following feedback from Registry and confirmation regarding the most appropriate title for PhD/Masters by creative and/or performance practice. The revised guidelines will be considered for approval electronically to allow for publication in time for the commencement of the new academic year.

**6. Conference Presentation Grant**

The Chair informed the Board that the Postgraduate Research Conference Presentation Grant has been revised by the Graduate Studies Office (GSO) to provide clear information to applicants. The Chair confirmed that the grant is available to postgraduate research students who are presenting at rather than just attending a conference, either in person or online.

It was noted that a student can make a maximum of two applications up to a total value of €500 and that students in receipt of external scholarships with dedicated funds for travel must use these before applying for the grant.

**Approved**

**7. Revision to 'Guidance in Respect of Research Student Appeals'**

The Secretary informed the Board that a single revision has been made to 'Guidance in Respect of Research Student Appeals' following changes to *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis* approved by Academic Council on 4 June 2024. Two separate grounds for appeal have been combined into a single ground for appeal: "There was a failure to adhere to, or an insufficiency in the regulations contained in, *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis*".

**Approved**

**8. Update to PGR12 (E-thesis Submission Declaration Form)**

Ms Lisa Buckley informed the Board that a number of amendments have been made to the PGR12 Form (E-Thesis Declaration) following discussions at the meeting of GRSB on 30 May 2024. Ms Buckley explained that, in lieu of an e-signature in the e-thesis, the thesis declaration has been added to Section B of the PGR12 Form, which also requires the student and principal supervisor(s) to confirm that only typed signatures appear in the e-thesis.

**Noted**

**SECTION C: INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ISSUES**

9.     **Applications for transfer to the PhD Register or confirmation on the PhD Register (PGR3)**
- 9.1     GRSB2024/A6/9.1, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
**Approved**
- 9.2     GRSB2024/A6/9.2, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
**Approved**
- 9.3     GRSB2024/A6/9.3, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
**Approved**
- 9.4     GRSB2024/A6/9.4, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
**Approved**
- 9.5     GRSB2024/A6/9.5, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
**Approved**
- 9.6     GRSB2024/A6/9.6, DCU Business School  
**Approved**
- 9.7     GRSB2024/A6/9.7, School of Chemical Sciences  
**Approved** - It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided.
- 9.8     GRSB2024/A6/9.8, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 9.9     GRSB2024/A6/9.9, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 9.10    GRSB2024/A6/9.10, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 9.11    GRSB2024/A6/9.11, School of Communications  
**Approved** subject to the Chair verifying the Joint Award agreement for this candidate with the Principal Supervisor.

- 9.12 GRSB2024/A6/9.12, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 9.13 GRSB2024/A6/9.13, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 9.14 GRSB2024/A6/9.14, School of Computing  
**Decision Deferred** - It was noted that confirmation is required that the Internal Examiner is experienced in supervising research students. If the Internal Examiner has not supervised three candidates from early stage through the confirmation/transfer stage and/or completed all elements of professional development for examiners (AR 10.1), an alternative Internal Examiner will be required and the revised PGR3 submitted to GRSB.
- 9.15 GRSB2024/A6/9.15, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 9.16 GRSB2024/A6/9.16, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 9.17 GRSB2024/A6/9.17, DkIT Business and Humanities  
**Approved**
- 9.18 GRSB2024/A6/9.18, DkIT Health and Science  
**Approved** – It was noted that the Board raised queries regarding the viability of PhD by publication when no publications have been submitted at this stage. The supervisory panel is advised to discuss the publication plan with the candidate and to consider PhD by monograph if PhD by publication is not viable.
- 9.19 GRSB2024/A6/9.19, School of Electronic Engineering  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.20 GRSB2024/A6/9.20, School of Electronic Engineering  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).



- 9.21 GRSB2024/A6/9.21, School of Electronic Engineering  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.22 GRSB2024/A6/9.22, School of Electronic Engineering  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.23 GRSB2024/A6/9.23, School of Electronic Engineering  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.24 GRSB2024/A6/9.24, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge  
**Approved**
- 9.25 GRSB2024/A6/9.25, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that confirmation is required that the Internal Examiner is experienced in supervising research students. If the Internal Examiner has not supervised three candidates from early stage through the confirmation/transfer stage and/or completed all elements of professional development for examiners (AR 10.1), an alternative Internal Examiner will be required and the revised PGR3 submitted to GRSB. It was further noted that the examination took place online, which does not reflect best practice.
- 9.26 GRSB2024/A6/9.26, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.27 GRSB2024/A6/9.27, School of Health and Human Performance  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.28 GRSB2024/A6/9.28, School of Health and Human Performance  
**Approved**
- 9.29 GRSB2024/A6/9.29, School of History and Geography  
**Approved**

- 9.30 GRSB2024/A6/9.30, School of History and Geography  
**Approved**
- 9.31 GRSB2024/A6/9.31, School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education  
**Approved** – It was noted that Section C should be completed jointly by Principal Supervisor(s) and Internal Examiner(s). The revised PGR3 must be submitted to GRSB. It was further noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.32 GRSB2024/A6/9.32, School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.33 GRSB2024/A6/9.33, School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.34 GRSB2024/A6/9.34, School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education  
**Approved**
- 9.35 GRSB2024/A6/9.35, School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education  
**Approved**
- 9.36 GRSB2024/A6/9.36, School of Law and Government  
**Approved** – It was noted that there was a significant delay in submitting the PGR3 following completion of the oral examination.
- 9.37 GRSB2024/A6/9.37, School of Law and Government  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1). The delay in submitting the PGR3 following completion of the oral examination was further noted.

- 9.38 GRSB2024/A6/9.38, School of Law and Government  
**Not Approved** – It was noted that the Internal Examiner is not experienced in supervising research students as required by the academic regulations, "supervised three candidates from early stage through the confirmation/transfer stage and/or has completed all elements of professional development for examiners" (AR 10.1). An alternative Internal Examiner is required and the revised PGR3 submitted to GRSB. It was further noted that GRSB queried the candidate's full-time enrolment given their teaching responsibilities and that Section C should be completed jointly by the Principal Supervisor(s) and Internal Examiner(s).
- 9.39 GRSB2024/A6/9.39, School of Law and Government  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that confirmation is required that the Internal Examiner is experienced in supervising research students. If the Internal Examiner has not supervised three candidates from early stage through the confirmation/transfer stage and/or completed all elements of professional development for examiners (AR 10.1), an alternative Internal Examiner will be required and the revised PGR3 submitted to GRSB.
- 9.40 GRSB2024/A6/9.40, School of Law and Government  
**Approved**
- 9.41 GRSB2024/A6/9.41, School of Law and Government  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that confirmation is required that the Internal Examiner is experienced in supervising research students. If the Internal Examiner has not supervised three candidates from early stage through the confirmation/transfer stage and/or completed all elements of professional development for examiners (AR 10.1), an alternative Internal Examiner will be required and the revised PGR3 submitted to GRSB. It was further noted that the student should not be involved in choosing the External Examiner for their PhD examination.
- 9.42 GRSB2024/A6/9.42, School of Law and Government  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that confirmation is required that the Internal Examiner is experienced in supervising research students. If the Internal Examiner has not supervised three candidates from early stage through the confirmation/transfer stage and/or completed all elements of professional development for examiners (AR 10.1), an alternative Internal Examiner will be required and the revised PGR3 submitted to GRSB.
- 9.43 GRSB2024/A6/9.43, School of Law and Government  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).

- 9.44 GRSB2024/A6/9.44, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved**
- 9.45 GRSB2024/A6/9.45, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved**
- 9.46 GRSB2024/A6/9.46, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved** – It was noted that the Board raised queries regarding the viability of PhD by publication when no publications have been submitted at this stage. The supervisory panel is advised to discuss the publication plan with the candidate and to consider PhD by monograph if PhD by publication is not viable.
- 9.47 GRSB2024/A6/9.47, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.48 GRSB2024/A6/9.48, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
**Approved**
- 9.49 GRSB2024/A6/9.49, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that insufficient detail was provided in Section B(i) and that Section B(ii) should be completed jointly by Principal Supervisor(s) and Internal Examiner(s). The revised PGR3 must be submitted to GRSB.
- 9.50 GRSB2024/A6/9.50, School of Physical Sciences  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that Section C should be completed jointly by Principal Supervisor(s) and Internal Examiner(s). The revised PGR3 must be submitted to GRSB.
- 9.51 GRSB2024/A6/9.51, School of Physical Sciences  
**Approved** – It was noted that the candidate has exceeded the expected time to undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD Register (see Academic Regulation 8.2.1) and no explanation was provided by the Principal Supervisor(s).
- 9.52 GRSB2024/A6/9.52, School of Psychology  
**Approved**
- 9.53 GRSB2024/A6/9.53, School of Psychology  
**Approved**

- 9.54 GRSB2024/A6/9.54, School of Psychology  
**Approved** – It was noted that the Board raised queries regarding the viability of PhD by publication when no publications have been submitted at this stage. The supervisory panel is advised to discuss the publication plan with the candidate and to consider PhD by monograph if PhD by publication is not viable.
- 9.55 GRSB2024/A6/9.55, School of STEM Education and Global Studies  
**Approved**
- 9.56 GRSB2024/A6/9.56, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 10. Appointment of internal and external examiners (PGR4)**
- 10.1 GRSB2024/A6/10.1, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
**Approved**
- 10.2 GRSB2024/A6/10.2, MA, School of Art, Education and Movement  
**Approved**
- 10.3 GRSB2024/A6/10.3, PhD, School of Biotechnology  
**Approved**
- 10.4 GRSB2024/A6/10.4, PhD, School of Biotechnology  
**Approved**
- 10.5 GRSB2024/A6/10.5, PhD, School of Biotechnology  
**Approved**
- 10.6 GRSB2024/A6/10.6, PhD, DCU Business School  
**Approved**
- 10.7 GRSB2024/A6/10.7, PhD, DCU Business School  
**Approved**
- 10.8 GRSB2024/A6/10.8, PhD, DCU Business School  
**Approved**
- 10.9 GRSB2024/A6/10.9, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
**Approved**

- 10.10 GRSB2024/A6/10.10, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
**Approved**
- 10.11 GRSB2024/A6/10.11, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
**Approved**
- 10.12 GRSB2024/A6/10.12, PhD, School of Communications  
**Not Approved** – It was noted that the External Examiner does not meet the requirements as per Academic Regulation 10.2.9, "experience in supervising research students to completion at the level of the award being sought". An alternative External Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 must be submitted to GRSB for consideration. It was further noted that there is no record of the Independent Chairperson having completed the required training. They should complete the necessary training for chairing a viva voce examination if they have not already done so.
- 10.13 GRSB2024/A6/10.13, PhD, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 10.14 GRSB2024/A6/10.14, PhD, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 10.15 GRSB2024/A6/10.15, PhD, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 10.16 GRSB2024/A6/10.16, PhD, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 10.17 GRSB2024/A6/10.17, PhD, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 10.18 GRSB2024/A6/10.18, PhD, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 10.19 GRSB2024/A6/10.19, PhD, School of Computing  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that confirmation is required that there is no potential conflict of interest between the Principal Supervisor and the External Examiner and reasons for an early submission of the thesis should be provided. It was further noted that the status of the student should be confirmed and if they are a member of staff, a second External Examiner is required. The revised PGR4 must be submitted to GSRB for consideration.
- 10.20 GRSB2024/A6/10.20, PhD, School of Computing  
**Approved**

- 10.21 GRSB2024/A6/10.21, PhD, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 10.22 GRSB2024/A6/10.22, PhD, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 10.23 GRSB2024/A6/10.23, PhD, DkIT School of Business and Humanities  
**Approved**
- 10.24 GRSB2024/A6/10.24, MSc, DkIT, School of Health and Science  
**Approved**
- 10.25 GRSB2024/A6/10.25, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science  
**Approved**
- 10.26 GRSB2024/A6/10.26, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science  
**Approved**
- 10.27 GRSB2024/A6/10.27, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering  
**Approved**
- 10.28 GRSB2024/A6/10.28, PhD, School of English  
**Approved**
- 10.29 GRSB2024/A6/10.29, EdD, DCU Institute of Education  
**Approved**
- 10.30 GRSB2024/A6/10.30, EdD, DCU Institute of Education  
**Approved**
- 10.31 GRSB2024/A6/10.31, EdD, DCU Institute of Education  
**Not Approved** – It was noted that the External Examiner does not meet the requirements as per Academic Regulation 10.2.9, "experience in supervising research students to completion at the level of the award being sought" and "experience in the examination process of such students at the level of the award being sought". An alternative External Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 must be submitted to GRSB for consideration. It was further noted that there is no record of the Independent Chairperson having completed the required training. They should complete the necessary training for chairing a viva voce examination if they have not already done so.

- 10.32 GRSB2024/A6/10.32, EdD, DCU Institute of Education  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that Section D(i) is incomplete. Confirmation is required that the Internal Examiner has supervised three candidates from early stage through the confirmation/transfer stage and/or completed all elements of professional development for examiners. The revised PGR3 must be submitted to GRSB.
- 10.33 GRSB2024/A6/10.33, PhD, School of Law and Government  
**Approved**
- 10.34 GRSB2024/A6/10.34, PhD, School of Law and Government  
**Approved**
- 10.35 GRSB2024/A6/10.35, PhD, School of Law and Government  
**Approved**
- 10.36 GRSB2024/A6/10.36, PhD, School of Law and Government  
**Approved**
- 10.37 GRSB2024/A6/10.37, PhD, School of Law and Government  
**Approved**
- 10.38 GRSB2024/A6/10.38, MEng, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved**
- 10.39 GRSB2024/A6/10.39, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved**
- 10.40 GRSB2024/A6/10.40, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved**
- 10.41 GRSB2024/A6/10.41, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved**
- 10.42 GRSB2024/A6/10.42, DPsych, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Comm. Health  
**Approved**
- 10.43 GRSB2024/A6/10.43, DPsych, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Comm. Health  
**Approved**



- 10.44 GRSB2024/A6/10.44, DPsych, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Comm. Health  
**Approved**
- 10.45 GRSB2024/A6/10.45, DPsych, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Comm. Health  
**Approved** subject to the nomination of an alternative chairperson to address the gender mix or justification provided as to why an alternative chairperson cannot be nominated.
- 10.46 GRSB2024/A6/10.46, PhD, School of Physical Sciences  
**Approved**
- 10.47 GRSB2024/A6/10.47, PhD, School of Physical Sciences  
**Approved**
- 10.48 GRSB2024/A6/10.48, PhD, School of Physical Sciences  
**Approved**
- 10.49 GRSB2024/A6/10.49, PhD, School of Psychology  
**Approved**
- 10.50 GRSB2024/A6/10.50, PhD, School of Psychology  
**Approved**
- 10.51 GRSB2024/A6/10.51, PhD, School of Psychology  
**Approved**
- 10.52 GRSB2024/A6/10.52, PhD, School of Psychology  
**Approved** subject to Registry confirming that the Internal Examiner has completed all elements of professional development for examiners.
- 10.53 GRSB2024/A6/10.53, PhD, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies  
**Not Approved** – It was noted that the External Examiner does not meet the requirements as per Academic Regulation 10.2.9, "experience in supervising research students to completion at the level of the award being sought" and "experience in the examination process of such students at the level of the award being sought". An alternative External Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 must be submitted to GRSB for consideration.
- 10.54 GRSB2024/A6/10.54, PhD, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies  
**Approved**
- 10.55 GRSB2024/A6/10.55, PhD, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies  
**Approved**

- 10.56 GRSB2024/A6/10.56, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Noted** – Approved by Chair’s Action on 1 August 2024.

**11. Notice of Intention to Reside/Carry out Research Abroad (PGR13)**

- 11.1 GRSB2024/A6/11.1, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that a number of necessary revisions, as communicated to the Principal Supervisors by Registry, are required by the Board. The revised PGR13 must be submitted to GRSB for consideration.
- 11.2 GRSB2024/A6/11.2, School of Computing  
This item was withdrawn from the agenda.

**12. Request for Extension to Maximum Registration Period OR Re-admission to the Research Programme (PGR14)**

- 12.1 GRSB2024/A6/12.1, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
**Approved**
- 12.2 GRSB2024/A6/12.2, School of Biotechnology  
**Approved**
- 12.3 GRSB2024/A6/12.3, DCU Business School  
**Approved** – It was noted that this final extension is granted on condition that the PGR4 is submitted to the October meeting of GRSB and examination is undertaken by the end of April 2025.
- 12.4 GRSB2024/A6/12.4, DCU Business School  
**Approved** – It was noted that re-admission is approved on condition that the student undergo the procedure for confirmation on the PhD register by January 2025.
- 12.5 GRSB2024/A6/12.5, DCU Business School  
**Approved** – It was noted that this extension is granted on condition that the thesis is submitted for examination by the end of December 2024.
- 12.6 GRSB2024/A6/12.6, DCU Business School  
**Approved**

- 12.7 GRSB2024/A6/12.7, DCU Business School  
**Approved** – It was noted that the student should complete the most current research integrity training at DCU.
- 12.8 GRSB2024/A6/12.8, DCU Business School  
**Approved** – It was noted that it is expected that the examination process will conclude by the end of the 2024/25 academic year.
- 12.9 GRSB2024/A6/12.9, DCU Business School  
**Approved**
- 12.10 GRSB2024/A6/12.10, School of Communications  
**Approved** – It was noted that this final extension is granted on condition that the PGR4 is submitted to the November meeting of GRSB and the thesis submitted for examination by the end of February 2025.
- 12.11 GRSB2024/A6/12.11, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 12.12 GRSB2024/A6/12.12, School of Computing  
**Approved**
- 12.13 GRSB2024/A6/12.13, School of Computing  
**Approved** – It was noted that the extension is granted on condition that the thesis is submitted for examination by the end of December 2024.
- 12.14 GRSB2024/A6/12.14, DkIT School of Engineering  
**Approved**
- 12.15 GRSB2024/A6/12.15, DkIT School of Health and Science  
**Approved**
- 12.16 GRSB2024/A6/12.16, DkIT School of Health and Science  
**Approved**
- 12.17 GRSB2024/A6/12.17, School of Electronic Engineering  
**Approved**
- 12.18 GRSB2024/A6/12.18, School of Electronic Engineering  
**Approved**

- 12.19 GRSB2024/A6/12.19, DCU Institute of Education  
**Approved** subject to Registry securing Head of School endorsement. It was noted that the extension is granted on condition that the thesis is submitted for examination by the end of August 2025.
- 12.20 GRSB2024/A6/12.20, DCU Institute of Education  
**Approved**
- 12.21 GRSB2024/A6/12.21, School of Law and Government  
**Approved** - It was noted that the extension is granted on condition that the thesis is submitted for examination by the end of June 2025.
- 12.22 GRSB2024/A6/12.22, School of Law and Government  
**Approved**
- 12.23 GRSB2024/A6/12.23, School of Law and Government  
**Approved** - It was noted that the extension is granted on condition that the thesis is submitted for examination prior to the expiry of the PGR4.
- 12.24 GRSB2024/A6/12.24, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved** - It was noted that the extension is granted on condition that the thesis is submitted for examination by the end of January 2025.
- 12.25 GRSB2024/A6/12.25, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved**
- 12.26 GRSB2024/A6/12.26, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved** - It was noted that the extension is granted on condition that the thesis is submitted for examination by the end of December 2024.
- 12.27 GRSB2024/A6/12.27, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved** - It was noted that this final extension is granted on condition that the PGR4 is submitted by the end of January 2025 and examination is undertaken by the end of April 2025.
- 12.28 GRSB2024/A6/12.28, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
**Approved**
- 12.29 GRSB2024/A6/12.29, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
**Approved** - It was noted that the extension is granted on condition that the thesis is submitted for examination by the end of December 2024.

- 12.30 GRSB2024/A6/12.30, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
**Decision Deferred** – It was noted that the reasons for seeking a further extension and a detailed plan for submission are required. The revised PGR14 may be considered by Chair's Action.
- 12.31 GRSB2024/A6/12.31, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
**Approved**
- 12.32 GRSB2024/A6/12.32, School of Physical Sciences  
**Approved**
- 12.33 GRSB2024/A6/12.33, School of Policy and Practice  
**Approved**
- 12.34 GRSB2024/A6/12.24, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music  
**Approved**
- 12.35 GRSB2024/A6/12.35, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music  
**Approved**
- 12.36 GRSB2024/A6/12.36, School of Communications  
**Approved**
- 12.37 GRSB2024/A6/12.37, School of Physical Sciences (Corrections Extension)  
**Approved** – It was noted that the extension is granted on condition that the corrections are submitted by 2 January 2025.
- 12.38 GRSB2024/A6/12.38, Research Students in Examination & Max. Registration to Register for 2024/25  
**Approved** – It was noted that following 29 August 2024, candidates on this list with two or more extensions will be required to submit a PGR14 to GRSB.
- 13. Notice Application for Transfer / Advanced Entry to Postgraduate Research Programme (PGR15)**
- 13.1 GRSB2024/A6/13.1, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
**Approved** – It was noted that the student should complete the most current research integrity training at DCU.

13.2 GRSB2024/A6/13.2, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
**Approved** – It was noted that the student should complete the most current research integrity training at DCU.

**14. Request to Host a Fully Online Viva Voce**

14.1 GRSB2024/A6/14.1, School of Policy and Practice  
**Noted** – Approved by Chair’s Action on 14 June 2024.

**15. Any other business**

There were no items of other business.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of next meeting**

Thursday, 17 October 2024

10.00 a.m.

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