

GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday, 17 August 2023
10:00 am – 1:00 pm

A204, Glasnevin Campus

Present: Ms Lisa Buckley, Ms Isabelle Caulfield, Dr Maura Coulter, Prof. Timo Gans, Ms Karen Keating, Dr Pascal Landais, Dr David Mc Carthy (Secretary), Prof. Sharon O'Brien, Dr Niamh O'Sullivan and Prof. Joseph Stokes (Chair).

Apologies: Prof. Edel Conway, Dr Gillian Lake and Dr Tim McCormac

The Chair noted that this is the last meeting of the Graduate Research Studies Board that Muhammad Mubashar Saeed will attend. He expressed his thanks to Mr Saeed for his continued engagement with, and contribution to, the business of the Board throughout the term of his membership.

SECTION A: MINUTES AND RELATED ISSUES

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 1 June 2023

The minutes of the meeting of 1 June 2023 were approved.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Matters arising from the meeting of 1 June 2023 were **noted** as follows:

	<i>Item no. from 1 June 2023</i>	<i>Item</i>	<i>Details of decision/actions</i>	<i>Status</i>
3.1	3.3 (Original Ref. Item 8.17, 30 March 2023)	PGR4, School of Computing	Following the outcome (approved) being issued, the External Examiner advised that he has published several times with the Secondary Supervisor. This item has been reopened as approval of the External Examiner violates Academic Regulation 10.2.10.	Ongoing Nomination of an alternative External Examiner requested from supervisory panel.
3.2	9.1	PGR13, School of Electronic Engineering	Not approved. It was noted that the PGR13 for this student must cover the period February 2022 to September 2023 and that the communication schedule should be updated to indicate whether any in-person supervision was provided from February 2022 to February 2023. It was further noted that a PGR4 Form is required if the student intends to submit their thesis according to the indicated timeline.	Ongoing Incomplete form submitted to Registry by student. Returned to supervisors and awaiting submission of complete form.
3.3	5	Updated PGR6 Form	It was noted that further discussion is required regarding the reason for this proposed change and the exact wording of the prompts to be included in Section B3 of the PGR6 Form.	Complete Included on Agenda for meeting of GRSB on 17 August 2023, Item 6

3.4	6.9	PGR3, School of English	Decision Deferred. It was noted that the Principal Supervisor(s) and the Internal Examiner should elaborate on the academic component of the artefact and indicate within the PGR3 Form if they are satisfied that the academic requirements have been met at this stage.	Complete Included on Agenda for meeting of GRSB on 17 August 2023, Item 9.21
3.5	6.14	PGR3, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Decision Deferred. It was noted that Section Bii should be amended to reflect that it is a joint report from the Principal Supervisor and the Internal Examiner. The revised PGR3 Form must be submitted to GRSB. It was further noted that the oral examination took place on 14 December 2021. The Board expressed its concern about the time taken to submit the PGR3 Form following completion of the oral examination.	Complete Included on Agenda for meeting of GRSB on 17 August 2023, Item 9.39
3.6	7.4	PGR4, School of Biotechnology	Decision Deferred. 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 may be considered by Chairs Action.	Complete Approved by Chairs Action on 19 June 2023
3.7	7.7	PGR4, DCU Business School	Decision Deferred. It was noted that full citations for publications, including all authors, are required to ensure there is no potential conflict of interest between the External Examiner and the supervisory panel.	Complete Approved by Chairs Action on 27 June 2023. Revised PGR4 Form submitted to Registry due to unavailability of

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				approved External Examiner. Included on Agenda for meeting of GRSB on 17 August 2023, Item 10.3
3.8	7.15	PGR4, School of History and Geography	Decision Deferred. It was noted that the External Examiner does not meet the requirements as per Academic Regulation 10.2.9, "experience...in the examination process of...[research students] at the level of the award being sought". An alternative External Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 Form may be considered by Chairs Action.	Complete Included on Agenda for meeting of GRSB on 17 August 2023, Item 10.45
3.9	7.16	PGR4, School of Inclusive and Special Education	Decision Deferred. It was noted that the Internal Examiner has not completed the necessary examiner training provided by the Graduate Studies Office. An alternative Internal Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 Form may be considered by Chairs Action.	Complete Approved by Chairs Action on 19 June 2023
3.10	7.24	PGR4, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music	Decision Deferred. It was noted that the Internal Examiner has not completed the necessary examiner training provided by the Graduate Studies Office. An alternative Internal Examiner is required and the revised PGR4 Form may be considered by Chairs Action.	Complete Approved by Chairs Action on 9 June 2023
3.11	8.20	PGR14, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering	Decision Deferred. It was noted that details need to be provided regarding the anticipated submission timeframe. The revised PGR14 Form must be submitted to GRSB.	Complete Included on Agenda for meeting of GRSB on 17 August 2023, Item 12.10

SECTION B: POLICY AND STRATEGY ISSUES

4. Graduate researcher development

There were no items for discussion.

5. Deferral/Suspension of Study Update

The Chair informed members that a deferral of study and a suspension of study is managed differently from the perspective of a student's period of registration: a deferral of study counts towards a student's maximum registration, whereas a suspension of study does not.

The Chair informed members that it is necessary, therefore, to distinguish between the deferral of study and the suspension of studies processes, and to develop separate corresponding guidelines. He explained that a deferral of study would apply to a one-off scenario and will not require supporting documentation, while a suspension of study would apply to a potentially ongoing scenario and will require supporting documentation.

The Chair informed members that these processes and guidelines will be revised on an ongoing basis as requests are submitted, which will allow for better agility as requests are managed on a case-by-case basis and in accordance with the individual circumstances of each student.

It was noted that there is now alignment between *Marks and Standards* and *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis*. The Chair informed members that further considerations are ongoing in the higher education sector regarding the supports provided to PhD students, which may impact on how deferral of study and suspension of study requests are managed.

5.1 Deferral of Study Guidelines & Application Form

The Chair informed members that the form now reflects the requirements of postgraduate research students, in particular, the need for a period of deferral rather than a semester. Two separate dates by which students must submit a deferral of study request are indicated on the form. These dates are aligned with the submission deadlines for the Student Record Systems (SRS) returns, required by the Higher Education Authority (HEA) and are intended to reduce the number of retrospective requests that must be considered under Chairs Action.

Noted

5.2 Suspension of Study Guidelines & Application Form

The Chair informed members that separate forms have been created to reflect the difference between the deferral of study and suspension of study processes and that the dates for submitting a deferral of study request and a suspension of study request will be aligned.

Noted

6. Change to PGR6 Form – Section B3

The Chair informed members that the prompts included in Section B3 of the PGR6 Form are intended to assist examiners in providing sufficient information regarding the candidate's performance in the examination.

Noted

The Chair informed members that the revised PGR6 Form will be used in the 2023/24 academic year and will be kept under review to ensure it continues to meet the requirements of the examination panel, postgraduate research students and the University.

7. Guidance in Respect of Research Student Appeals – Revisions

The Chair informed members that the revisions to 'Guidance in Respect of Research Student Appeals' reflect the changes to Section 13: Appeals in *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis* that were approved by GRSB on 30 March 2023 (Item GRSB2023/A4/6.2).

Noted

The Chair explained that, while the proposed change to the grounds of appeal was not approved by the Board on 30 March 2023, the change was retained in the version of *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis* that was submitted to University Standards Committee and subsequently to Academic Council for approval.

It was noted that this change relates simply to the presentation of the grounds of appeal rather than altering the grounds themselves. The Chair informed members that the grounds for appeal will be kept under review during the 2023/24 academic year.

8. GTE Modules / Doctoral Pathways Update

The Chair informed members that the process for approving Doctoral Pathways must be revised due to the requirement that all documentation is made available in an accessible format, which means that each Doctoral Pathway must be presented as a webpage. The Academic Secretariat and the Graduate Studies Office are currently preparing a single guidance document for the approval of Graduate Training Element (GTE) modules and Structured Doctoral Pathways (SDPs).

The Chair informed members that the guidance document will include a template for SDPs and will set out a more streamlined approval process within Faculties and by GRSB. Relevant individuals in the Faculties will be consulted once a draft of the guidelines and the template are developed to ensure that both are practicable and aligned with the academic governance structures within the Faculties.

The guidance document will be made available during Semester 1 of the 2023/24 academic year so it can be used by Faculties when developing and approving GTE modules and SDPs for the 2024/25 academic year.

SECTION C: INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ISSUES**9. Applications for transfer to the PhD Register or confirmation on the PhD Register (PGR3)**

- 9.1 GRSB2023/A6/9.1, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved
- 9.2 GRSB2023/A6/9.2, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved
- 9.3 GRSB2023/A6/9.3, School of Biotechnology
Approved
- 9.4 GRSB2023/A6/9.4, School of Biotechnology
Decision Deferred – It was noted that Section Bii should be amended to reflect that it is a joint report from the Principal Supervisor and the Internal Examiner. The revised PGR3 must be submitted to GRSB.
- 9.5 GRSB2023/A6/9.5, School of Biotechnology
Approved
- 9.6 GRSB2023/A6/9.6, DCU Business School
Approved
- 9.7 GRSB2023/A6/9.7, DCU Business School
Approved
- 9.8 GRSB2023/A6/9.8, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 9.9 GRSB2023/A6/9.9, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 9.10 GRSB2023/A6/9.10, School of Communications
Approved
- 9.11 GRSB2023/A6/9.11, School of Communications
Approved

- 9.12 GRSB2023/A6/9.12, School of Computing
Approved
- 9.13 GRSB2023/A6/9.13, School of Computing
Approved
- 9.14 GRSB2023/A6/9.14, School of Computing
Approved
- 9.15 GRSB2023/A6/9.15, School of Computing
Approved
- 9.16 GRSB2023/A6/9.16, DkIT, School of Business and Humanities
Approved
- 9.17 GRSB2023/A6/9.17, DkIT, School of Engineering
Approved
- 9.18 GRSB2023/A6/9.18, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved
- 9.19 GRSB2023/A6/9.19, School of English
Approved
- 9.20 GRSB2023/A6/9.20, School of English
Approved
- 9.21 GRSB2023/A6/9.21, School of English
Approved
- 9.22 GRSB2023/A6/9.22, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge
Decision Deferred – It was noted that the PGR3 does not indicate how the candidate has satisfied the requirements to be confirmed on the PhD Register. The PGR3 should be reviewed and revised to provide details as per the subheadings in Section B. The Board expressed its thanks for the translation provided.

- 9.23 GRSB2023/A6/9.23, School of Health and Human Performance
Decision Deferred – It was noted that Section Bii should be amended to reflect that it is a joint report from the Principal Supervisor and the Internal Examiner. The revised PGR3 may be considered by Chairs Action.
- 9.24 GRSB2023/A6/9.24, School of History and Geography
Approved
- 9.25 GRSB2023/A6/9.25, School of History and Geography
Not Approved – It was noted that Section B and Section C only include comments from the Internal Examiner. These sections must be completed jointly by the Principal Supervisor and the Internal Examiner. A revised PGR3 must be submitted to Registry.
- 9.26 GRSB2023/A6/9.26, School of Human Development
Approved
- 9.27 GRSB2023/A6/9.27, School of Language, Literacy and Early Childhood Education
Approved
- 9.28 GRSB2023/A6/9.28, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 9.29 GRSB2023/A6/9.29, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 9.30 GRSB2023/A6/9.30, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 9.31 GRSB2023/A6/9.31, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 9.32 GRSB2023/A6/9.32, School of Law and Government
Not Approved – It was noted that Section Bii only includes comments from the Internal Examiner. This section must be amended to reflect that it is a joint report from the Principal Supervisor and the Internal Examiner. A revised PGR3 must be submitted to Registry.
- 9.33 GRSB2023/A6/9.33, School of Law and Government
Approved

- 9.34 GRSB2023/A6/9.34, School of Mathematical Sciences
Approved
- 9.35 GRSB2023/A6/9.35, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 9.36 GRSB2023/A6/9.36, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 9.37 GRSB2023/A6/9.37, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Not Approved – It was noted that the oral examination took place on 17 September 2021. The Board expressed its concern about the time taken to submit the PGR3 Form following completion of the oral examination. Clarification is required regarding the date of the examination, as it precedes the date of the candidate's registration on the programme, and that the correct version of the PGR3 was used.
- 9.38 GRSB2023/A6/9.38, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 9.39 GRSB2023/A6/9.39, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 9.40 GRSB2023/A6/9.40, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 9.41 GRSB2023/A6/9.41, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 9.42 GRSB2023/A6/9.42, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Approved
- 9.43 GRSB2023/A6/9.43, School of Physical Sciences
Approved – It was noted that the oral examination took place on 15 February 2022. The Board expressed its concern about the time taken to submit the PGR3 Form following completion of the oral examination.
- 9.44 GRSB2023/A6/9.44, School of Psychology
Approved

- 9.45 GRSB2023/A6/9.45, School of Psychology
Approved
- 9.46 GRSB2023/A6/9.46, School of Psychology
Approved
- 9.47 GRSB2023/A6/9.47, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies
Approved – It was noted that the sequence of signatures is not standard as the candidate's signature precedes that of the Principal Supervisor, the Internal Examiner and the Head of School.
- 9.48 GRSB2023/A6/9.48, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved
- 9.49 GRSB2023/A6/9.49, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved
- 9.50 GRSB2023/A6/9.50, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 10. Appointment of internal and external examiners (PGR4)**
- 10.1 GRSB2023/A6/10.1, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Decision Deferred – It was noted that this is the third nomination for the External Examiner in a four year period. As per Regulation 10.2.1, "External Examiners for research students should not be appointed more than twice in a four-year period". Justification for this nomination must be provided or an alternative External Examiner nominated. This may be considered by Chairs Action.
- 10.2 GRSB2023/A6/10.2, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved
- 10.3 GRSB2023/A6/10.3, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved

- 10.4 GRSB2023/A6/10.4, PhD, DCU Business School
Decision Deferred – It was noted that clarification is required as to whether the candidate is a DCU staff member. If so, an additional External Examiner must be nominated. This may be considered by Chairs Action.
- 10.5 GRSB2023/A6/10.5, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 10.6 GRSB2023/A6/10.6, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Decision Deferred – It was noted that full citations are required for all publications. The revised PGR4 may be considered by Chairs Action.
- 10.7 GRSB2023/A6/10.7, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Decision Deferred – It was noted that full citations are required for all publications. The revised PGR4 may be considered by Chairs Action.
- 10.8 GRSB2023/A6/10.8, MSc, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 10.9 GRSB2023/A6/10.9, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 10.10 GRSB2023/A6/10.10, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 10.11 GRSB2023/A6/10.11, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 10.12 GRSB2023/A6/10.12, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 10.13 GRSB2023/A6/10.13, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 10.14 GRSB2023/A6/10.14, PhD, School of Communications
Approved

- 10.15 GRSB2023/A6/10.15, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.16 GRSB2023/A6/10.16, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.17 GRSB2023/A6/10.17, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.18 GRSB2023/A6/10.18, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.19 GRSB2023/A6/10.19, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.20 GRSB2023/A6/10.20, PhD, School of Computing
Decision Deferred – 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 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 may be considered by Chairs Action.
- 10.21 GRSB2023/A6/10.21, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.22 GRSB2023/A6/10.22, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.23 GRSB2023/A6/10.23, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.24 GRSB2023/A6/10.24, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 10.25 GRSB2023/A6/10.25, PhD, School of Computing
Approved

- 10.26 GRSB2023/A6/10.26, PhD, DkIT, School of Business and Humanities
Approved
- 10.27 GRSB2023/A6/10.27, MSc, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved
- 10.28 GRSB2023/A6/10.28, PhD, DkIT School of Health and Science
Approved
- 10.29 GRSB2023/A6/10.29, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Decision Deferred – It was noted that there is an outstanding reciprocal arrangement query regarding the nominated External Examiner. The Secretary will follow-up with the Chair of the Graduate Research Programme Board in DkIT.
- 10.30 GRSB2023/A6/10.30, MSc, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved
- 10.31 GRSB2023/A6/10.31, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved
- 10.32 GRSB2023/A6/10.32, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved
- 10.33 GRSB2023/A6/10.33, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved
- 10.34 GRSB2023/A6/10.34, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved
- 10.35 GRSB2023/A6/10.35, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Decision Deferred – It was noted that there is an outstanding reciprocal arrangement query regarding the nominated External Examiner. The Secretary will follow-up with the Chair of the Graduate Research Programme Board in DkIT.
- 10.36 GRSB2023/A6/10.36, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved

- 10.37 GRSB2023/A6/10.37, PhD, DkIT, School of Health and Science
Approved
- 10.38 GRSB2023/A6/10.38, PhD, DkIT, School of Informatics and Creative Arts
Approved
- 10.39 GRSB2023/A6/10.39, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved
- 10.40 GRSB2023/A6/10.40, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved – It was noted that the Independent Chairperson should complete the necessary training for chairing a *viva voce* examination.
- 10.41 GRSB2023/A6/10.41, PhD, School of English
Approved – It was noted that the Internal Examiner should undertake the necessary examiner training provided by the Graduate Studies Office.
- 10.42 GRSB2023/A6/10.42, PhD, School of English
Approved – It was noted that the Internal Examiner should undertake the necessary examiner training provided by the Graduate Studies Office.
- 10.43 GRSB2023/A6/10.43, PhD, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge
Approved – It was noted that the Independent Chairperson should complete the necessary training for chairing a *viva voce* examination.
- 10.44 GRSB2023/A6/10.44, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved – It was noted that the Independent Chairperson should complete the necessary training for chairing a *viva voce* examination.
- 10.45 GRSB2023/A6/10.45, PhD, School of History and Geography
Approved

- 10.46 GRSB2023/A6/10.46, PhD, School of Human Development
Decision Deferred – It was noted that this is the third nomination for the External Examiner in a four-year period. As per Regulation 10.2.1, "External Examiners for research students should not be appointed more than twice in a four-year period". Justification for this nomination must be provided or an alternative External Examiner nominated. This may be considered by Chairs Action. It was further noted that the Independent Chairperson should complete the necessary training for chairing a viva voce examination.
- 10.47 GRSB2023/A6/10.47, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Approved
- 10.48 GRSB2023/A6/10.48, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Approved
- 10.49 GRSB2023/A6/10.49, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 10.50 GRSB2023/A6/10.50, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 10.51 GRSB2023/A6/10.51, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 10.52 GRSB2023/A6/10.52, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 10.53 GRSB2023/A6/10.53, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Decision Deferred – It was noted that there is an outstanding reciprocal arrangement query regarding the nominated External Examiner. As per Regulation 10.2.6, "a year should elapse between appointments involving the same Schools/Departments". It was further noted that there is a potential conflict of interest as the External Examiner and Secondary Supervisor have co-authored a publication. An alternative External Examiner must be nominated and the revised PGR4 may be considered by Chairs Action. It was further noted that full citations are required for all publications.
- 10.54 GRSB2023/A6/10.54, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved

- 10.55 GRSB2023/A6/10.55, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 10.56 GRSB2023/A6/10.56, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved – It was noted that approval is subject to Registry confirming whether a Non-Disclosure Agreement is required.
- 10.57 GRSB2023/A6/10.57, PhD, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Approved
- 10.58 GRSB2023/A6/10.58, PhD, School of Physical Sciences
Decision Deferred – It was noted that there is an outstanding reciprocal arrangement query regarding the nominated External Examiner. As per Regulation 10.2.6, "a year should elapse between appointments involving the same Schools/Departments". Justification for this nomination must be provided or an alternative External Examiner nominated. This may be considered by Chairs Action.
- 10.59 GRSB2023/A6/10.59, MSc, School of Physical Sciences
Decision Deferred – It was noted that clarification is required that there is no conflict of interest between the External Examiner and the Principal Supervisor(s). As per Regulation 10.2.10, "It is imperative, for quality assurance purposes, that the External Examiner is independent of the University, of the supervisor, of its Internal Examiners and of the candidate presenting him/herself for examination". This may be considered by Chairs Action.
- 10.60 GRSB2023/A6/10.60, PhD, School of Policy and Practice
Approved – It was noted that approval is subject to the Chair confirming that the Head of School supports the early submission of the thesis.
- 10.61 GRSB2023/A6/10.61, PhD, School of Policy and Practice
Approved
- 10.62 GRSB2023/A6/10.62, PhD, School of Psychology
Approved
- 10.63 GRSB2023/A6/10.63, MSc, School of Psychology
Approved

- 10.64 GRSB2023/A6/10.64, PhD, School of Psychology
Approved – It was noted that the Independent Chairperson should complete the necessary training for chairing a *viva voce* examination.
- 10.65 GRSB2023/A6/10.65, PhD, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved
- 10.66 GRSB2023/A6/10.66, PhD, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved
- 10.67 GRSB2023/A6/10.67, PhD, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Decision Deferred – 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 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 may be considered by Chairs Action. It was further noted that the Internal Examiner should undertake the necessary examiner training provided by the Graduate Studies Office.
- 10.68 GRSB2023/A6/10.68, PhD, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved
- 10.69 GRSB2023/A6/10.69, PhD, School of Computing
Noted – Approved by Chairs Action on 21 June 2023
- 10.70 GRSB2023/A6/10.70, MSc, School of Computing
Noted – Approved by Chairs Action on 18 July 2023
- 10.71 GRSB2023/A6/10.71, PhD, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge
Noted – Approved by Chairs Action on 19 June 2023
- 10.72 GRSB2023/A6/10.72, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Noted – Approved by Chairs Action on 18 July 2023
- 10.73 GRSB2023/A6/10.73, PhD, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Noted – Approved by Chairs Action on 17 July 2023
- 10.74 GRSB2023/A6/10.74, MSc, School of Physical Sciences
Noted – Approved by Chairs Action on 6 June 2023

10.75 GRSB2023/A6/10.75, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Approved

10.76 GRSB2023/A6/10.76, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved

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

11.1 GRSB2023/A6/11.1, School of Psychology
Decision Deferred – It was noted that the Board expressed its concern about the candidate's registration as a full-time student given the "consultancy commitments that require her to continue to be based in Berlin". The Board also recommends that the candidate arrange for a local supervisor when residing abroad. The PGR13 may be considered again by Chairs Action.

11.2 GRSB2023/A6/11.2, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved

11.3 GRSB2023/A6/11.3, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved

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

12.1 GRSB2023/A6/12.1, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved

12.2 GRSB2023/A6/12.2, MSc, School of Biotechnology
Approved

12.3 GRSB2023/A6/12.3, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved – It was noted that this is the sixth extension request for this student. The extension is granted to 18 December 2023 to allow for the submission of the soft bound thesis.

12.4 GRSB2023/A6/12.4, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved

- 12.5 GRSB2023/A6/12.5, PhD, School of Electrical Engineering
Approved
- 12.6 GRSB2023/A6/12.6, DProfElite, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved
- 12.7 GRSB2023/A6/12.7, DProfElite, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved
- 12.8 GRSB2023/A6/12.8, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 12.9 GRSB2023/A6/12.9, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved – It was noted that this will be the last extension granted to the student.
- 12.10 GRSB2023/A6/12.10, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved – It was noted that this will be the last extension granted to the student. The extension is granted for the 2023/24 academic year only.
- 12.11 GRSB2023/A6/12.11, PhD, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Approved
- 12.12 GRSB2023/A6/12.12, PhD, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies
Approved
- 12.13 GRSB2023/A6/12.13, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 12.14a GRSB2023/A6/12.14a, Report to GRSB - Research Students in Examination & Max Registration to Register for 2023/24
Noted
- 12.14b GRSB2023/A6/12.14b, List of Research Students in Examination and Max Registration to Register for 2023/24
Approved – It was noted that the Board requires a PGR14 for Number 23, 39, 43 and 44 if the student does not submit their thesis by 31 August 2023.

13. Application for Transfer/Advanced Entry to Postgraduate Research Programme (PGR15)

- 13.1 GRSB2023/A6/13.1, PhD, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Decision Deferred – It was noted that confirmation must be provided that the applicant is not subject to any grievance procedures in their current institution. This should be provided by the Dean of Graduate Studies or equivalent. The revised PGR15 may be considered by Chairs Action.

14. Recognition of Prior Learning

- 14.1 GRSB2023/A6/14.1, DProfElite, School of Health and Human Performance
Not Approved – It was noted that the applicant's professional experience is not commensurate with the specific entry requirement for the programme, i.e., a Level 9 qualification (NFQ or equivalent) in an area of sport and performance.

15. Any other business

Karen Keating informed members that 'Research on Walls' will take place in The SOLAS on 27 September 2023. This event will provide postgraduate research students with an opportunity to exhibit their research to staff and students, both continuing and incoming. The Chair encouraged the Associate Deans for Research to promote this event within their respective faculties.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date of next meeting

Thursday, 19 October 2023

10.00 a.m.

A204, Glasnevin Campus