

practice, new analysis or substantial new additions to literature would be major amendments.

18.4 Awards of the University are formally conferred upon Research Degree students by a representative of the Vice-Chancellor acting on behalf of the Academic Board and the Board of Governors. The Graduate School Head or representative is responsible for reviewing, checking and completing the recommendation paperwork for signature by a representative of the Vice-Chancellor.

19. Disagreement Amongst Examiners

Where examiners fail to agree on a recommendation they shall report separately on the appropriate form to the Graduate School. The Director of the Graduate School in consultation with the Research Degrees Committee may:

- a) accept a majority recommendation, provided that this includes the recommendation of at least one external examiner; or
- b) accept the recommendation of the external examiner or, if more than one, the agreed recommendation of the external examiners; or
- c) appoint an additional external examiner.

Where an additional external examiner is appointed, he/she shall not be informed of the recommendations of the other examiners but shall prepare an independent preliminary report on the basis of the thesis and, if he/she considers it necessary, conduct a further oral examination. On receiving the report of this additional external examiner the Director of the Graduate School in consultation with the Research Degrees Committee shall have options 18.2 a), b) or c) available to it.

20. Students' Rights of Appeal

20.1 A student has the right to appeal against a decision of:

- a) the University to terminate his/her registration
- b) the University to decline an application for formal review
- c) the examination team to recommend the examination outcome of 18.2c), d) or e)

20.2 Grounds for appeal are limited to those set out in the 'General Regulations and procedures Affecting Students' which also sets out the appeals process.

21. Academic Offences Panel

Academic Offences often involve plagiarism. The University considers such offences to be a serious issue and it is important that students make themselves aware of what is meant by plagiarism and how to avoid it. The regulation concerning Academic Offences