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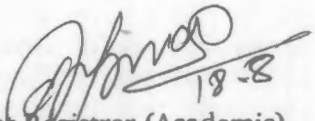
Academic Office

Date- 18<sup>th</sup> August 2017

**Sub: Revision in the Ph.D. rule R.2.2 (c) with regard to Procedures for Evaluation of the M.S. By Research Thesis.**

Enclosed is the approval of the Chairman, Senate for revision in the Ph.D. rule R.2.2 for evaluation of the M.S. by Research Thesis.

This is for information and necessary action of all concerned.

  
Assistant Registrar (Academic)

To  
The Head/Convener of all Academic Units

Ccto: The Academic Staff (PG)  
The Convener, PGPC  
The Concerned Academic Staff- for reporting to Senate.

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**Sub: Proposal for revision in the Ph.D. rule R.2.2 (c) with regard to  
Procedures for Evaluation of the M.S. By Research Thesis.**

The procedure for the PhD thesis evaluation has recently been revised by the Senate and two schemes (Scheme-A and Scheme-B) have been introduced for speeding-up the processes. Now the thesis is referred to two external examiners out of 8/4 names of referees as per the opted A or B schemes. The Ph.D. Defense *viva-voce* examination is held upon receipt of both referee reports.

So far there is no separate MS thesis evaluation procedures, rather the PhD thesis evaluation procedures is followed for evaluation of MS thesis as well. As per the existing procedure, the M.S. by Research thesis is referred to two external examiners out of 4 as per the scheme -A. However, the defense *viva-voce* examination is held upon receipt of any one referee's report, resulting into non-utilization of another report. This means, the evaluation time and expertise of one examiner is simply wasted.

In view of above, the following procedure is proposed for evaluation the M.S. by Research Thesis :

1. The M.S. by research theses shall be sent to only one referee, as selected by the Dean (AP) from the 2 or 4 names of referees as recommended by the academic unit.
2. on receipt of a favorable report (i.e. 'a' or 'b') from the referee, comments of the supervisor / Internal Examiner will be invited there on. Upon receipt of the comments from the Supervisor / Internal Examiner the *viva-voce* examination can be held.
3. If the referee/examiner recommends minor modifications in the thesis (i.e. 'c'), the *viva-voce* can be held only after the Internal Examiner certifies that the changes have been carried out.
4. If the referee/examiner recommends major revisions in the thesis (i.e. 'd'), the revised thesis should be submitted within 6 months after incorporating the revisions to the satisfaction of the supervisors and internal examiner. This will then be sent for further review to the same referee or any other referee as identified by the Dean (AP) from among the panel of examiners as recommended by the academic unit earlier.
5. If the referee recommend rejection (i.e. 'e'), an option of a second referee will be sought.
6. If again referee recommend rejection of thesis, the thesis in the current form will be rejected. In such a case , a new thesis may be submitted only once for review, after one year and not later than two years from the date of intimation by the PGAPEC

Submitted.

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Convener, PGPC

Chairman, Senate

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