1 Purpose and application

These provisions give practical effect within the Faculty of Engineering (“the Faculty”) to:

(a) The Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Policy 2015 (“the policy”); and
(b) The Thesis and Examination of Higher Degrees by Research Procedures 2020 (“the procedures”).

2 Commencement

These provisions commence on 1 January 2022.

3 Definitions

Words and phrases used in these provisions and not otherwise defined in this document have the meanings they have in the policy and procedures.

4 Mode of examination

(1) At least four weeks before the student lodges notice of their intention to submit their thesis, the student and their lead supervisor must:

   (a) discuss:

       (i) the modes of examination specified in clause 10 of the policy; and

       (ii) the reasons why a particular mode of examination is most appropriate for the candidature; and

   (b) agree on the appropriate mode of examination for the candidature.

(2) The Faculty strongly encourages students to select oral examinations as the mode of examination.

   Note: See clauses 10 and 14 of the policy.

5 Conduct of oral examinations

(1) In the Faculty, the oral examination will be preceded by a 30-45 minute presentation of the thesis by the student.

   (a) Unless prohibited by confidentiality considerations, the presentation should be open to the public at large.
(b) The audience may ask questions.
(c) The presentation and the answers to questions are not assessable.
(d) The examiner must be present.
(e) The supervisors may attend but cannot ask questions.
(f) Efforts should be made to advertise the presentation in advance, both to the University community and the public at large, to attract interested attendees.

(2) After a brief recess, the student, the examiners and the Chair of Examination will move to a private venue to begin the oral examination as specified in subclause 23(18) of the procedures.

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