

For Senate
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**Report from the meeting of the Academic Policy and Regulations Committee meeting
on 3rd February 2009**

PRESENT

Professor Stephen Shute, Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Academic Quality & Students) (Chair), Professor Ken Dowden (College of Arts & Law), Mr Paul Fantom (Academic & Student Administration), Professor John Heath (College of Life & Education Sciences), Mr Tom Marley (Guild of Students – VP for Education & Access), Ms Clare McCauley (Academic & Student Administration), Ms Carolyn Pike (Legal Services), Mr Nick Ross (College of Medical & Dental Sciences), Ms Jill Russell (Library Services) and Professor Cillian Ryan (College of Social Sciences).

ITEMS FOR REPORT

The Committee's Terms of Reference state:

To consider and, if thought appropriate, approve on behalf of the Senate proposals for amendments to, exemptions from and creation of new academic and student-related Regulations and guidance / policies / Codes of Practice below the level of Regulation.

Accordingly, under delegated authority, the Committee reports that it has approved revisions to Legislation, to come into effect in 2009/10.

Substantive amendments to regulations are

- (i) The requirement of postgraduate research students to deposit a copy of their thesis in a format that meets modern standards, as attached as Appendix 1.
- (ii) The clarification of awarding qualifications posthumously, as attached as Appendix 2.

All changes to academic policy and regulations will be available from <http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/study/support/governance/> and notified to Schools, Colleges and students by 1st August 2009.

Clare McCauley
Secretary
February 2009