

## Recommendations for changes to Regulations from 2012-13

### Section 1 – Definitions & Interpretation

#### Insert:

“Thesis Awaited Status” means the status of a Registered Student during the period between:

- the decision of Senate or delegated authority on the recommendation of the Head of Principal Academic Unit that a Postgraduate Registered Student has completed his or her primary research activities; and
- the conclusion of the examination of the person's thesis

during which period the Registered Student shall be entitled to access only such academic and other resources and facilities as the University shall from time to time determine.

### Section 5 – Admission & Registration

#### **5.2.3 Registered Students Following Research Degree Programmes**

5.2.3 (a) Registration must be completed prior to commencing the programme. Retrospective Registration may be permitted but only in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Senate or under delegated authority.

5.2.3 (b) ~~Only~~ Normally Registered Students are entitled to supervision and research training, and access to computing, laboratory or other University facilities. Registered Students in Thesis Awaited Status shall be entitled to access only such academic and other resoucrs as specified in Regulation 5.2.3(e) below.

5.2.3 (c) A Registered Student is required to register annually until he or she has submitted the thesis and any other required reports or until the Senate or delegated authority has approved a recommendation from his or her Head of Principal Academic Unit that he or she needs no longer remain registered. A Registered Student must ~~remain registered~~ continue to register annually whilst until he or she requires substantive supervision and/or access to computing or laboratory facilities. has completed his or her primary research activity.

5.2.3 (d) A Registered Student who has completed the minimum period of study (see subsection 6.2.3) ~~and whose research is sufficiently advanced such that he or she does not require substantive further supervision and/or access to computing or laboratory facilities while completing the writing of the thesis and who has completed their primary research ac tivity~~ may be transferred to writing-up Thesis Awaited Sstatus on the recommendation of the relevant Head of Principal Academic Unit.

5.2.3 (e) A Registered Student who is transferred to writing-up Thesis Awaited sStatus as per 5.2.3 (d) above shall pay a Continuation Fee until submission of the thesis. Payment of the Continuation Fee enables a Registered Student to continue to use the library and access his or her computer account- and such other academic and/or other resources and facilities as the University may determine from time to time. ~~but does not entitle a Registered Student to substantive supervision or access to other academic facilities.~~

#### Tidying up changes to related Regulations

### Section 6 Programmes of Study

6.2.3 (e) The following shall apply in cases where an applicant is currently registered for a research degree at another UK institution and wishes to apply to transfer his or her registration:

- (i) The Senate or a delegated authority may normally approve a reduction of up to a maximum of two thirds of the minimum period of registration to take account of the registration period already completed.
- (ii) Registration for less than one third of the minimum period of registration will not normally be permitted.

- | (iii) Requests for transfers from applicants who are at the [‘writing-up thesis awaited’](#) stage will not be permitted.
- (iv) Where an applicant wishes to transfer registration to a research degree programme with taught elements regulation 5.1.2 (b) (ii) will apply.

#### Section 7 – Assessment, progression and award

7.4.3 (c) Where a Registered Student does not submit the thesis within the prescribed maximum period of study he or she will be deemed to have withdrawn due to lapse of time. A Registered Student may apply to the Senate or delegated authority for an extension of the maximum period of study. Applications from the Registered Student to allow submission of the thesis after this time shall be granted only in exceptional circumstances. If an extension is granted, the Senate or delegated authority will also decide whether the Registered Student should be normally registered or in [writing-up Thesis Awaited](#) Status. If an extension is not granted the Registered Student must submit his or her or her thesis within the prescribed maximum period of time or be judged to have voluntarily withdrawn.

#### Section 8 – Student Conduct

8.1.1 These Regulations apply to all Registered Students, students on Leave of Absence, and students who are registered as [writing-up Thesis Awaited](#), students who have the status of external resit and Graduands (“students”). Under these Regulations the University has the power to discipline and to suspend or expel students for good cause. Once disciplinary proceedings have been instituted against a student under these regulations, no disciplinary action may be taken against the student under other disciplinary rules or Regulations within the University for the same misconduct.