

Release of Examiner's Reports to Supervisors during the Thesis Examination Process

The then Board of Examination for Graduate Studies considered, at its meeting on 28 September 2006, the proposal from a Faculty that supervisors be not informed of the questions to be asked by examiners at the oral examination before the oral examination is held, so as to avoid the conflict that on the one hand the students will expect coaching from their supervisors on answering the oral questions, and on the other hand the supervisors are not expected to tell the students the oral questions. The Board was of the view that the supervisors were non-voting members of the Thesis Examining Committee (TEC) at the oral examination, and they were there to observe if the oral examination was conducted in a fair manner. It was therefore not necessary for them to know the oral questions or even read the examiner's reports before the oral examination. The Board agreed at the meeting that supervisors should only be provided the examiner's reports at the oral examination; and in cases where there was no oral examination, they would be provided the examiner's reports when the TEC made recommendation on the examination result.

Faculties have been requested to implement the above practice since October 2006.