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1 INTRODUCTION

Postgraduate Thesis Monitoring and Controlling System (PGTMCS) version 1.0.0 is a system for the Student, Supervisor, Faculty and Senate to monitor the status of thesis proposal from its initial stage toward to the end. It is not only use by the respective personnel to control and manage the quality of the thesis to meet the university standard but it also can be used to keep track all the communication between the student and university. If required the history can be retrieved to view the completed work or its progress.

The system contains the main modules which are Thesis Proposal Submission and Approval, Monthly Progress Report Review, Thesis Proposal Defense, Thesis Work Completion, Thesis Evaluation/Viva and Senate Endorsement.

The Thesis Proposal Submission and Approval module will be the first release made available for use by the student and staffs. The rest of the module will be released by stages.

1.1 Scope

As the scope of this manual will cover the first release of the module, it will guide the student how to use the system and what would they need to do in the case of proposal get approved, changes needed or disapproved by the faculty or senate.

The student also will know the status of the proposal for each of the proposal stage either in draft mode, pending decision or it has been confirmed / approved by the faculty / senate.

The remaining guideline for other modules will be updated in the next user manual release.

1.2 System Requirement

1.2.1 URL

The system is available over the internet via the URL http://postgrad.msu.edu.my and accessible only by the registered and authorized postgraduate student and respective MSU's staff.

1.2.2 Internet Browser

It is recommended to run the system on the following internet browser

- Mozilla Firefox version 35 and above
- Microsoft Internet Explorer version 8 and above

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1.2.3 User Access

The postgraduate student who has been successfully registered in Campus Management System (CMS) will be automatically become postgraduate user or otherwise the student needs to check with the CMS admin on his/her status. By default Student Matrix Number will be the user id to access the PGTMCS system.

The MSU's staff that has been identified as reviewer, supervisor or co-supervisor can access the PGTMCS system once the PGTMCS admin registered him/her into the system. By default Employee ID will be the user id to access the PGTMCS system.

1.3 Screen Design

The PGTMCS system screen has been design into the 5 sections namely section A, B, C, D and E.

Section A to cater the PGTMCS **Header** in which it contains the name of the system, the user name and Logout button

Section B to cater the PGTMCS Top Panel in which it contains the list of functions for the system.

Section C to cater the PGTMCS **Left Panel** in which it contains the list of sub-functions resulting from the selection in Section B.

Section D to cater the PGTMCS **Working Area** in which it shows the page for user respond resulting from the selection in Section C.

Section E to cater the PGTMCS Footer in which it contains the university name and its copyright.

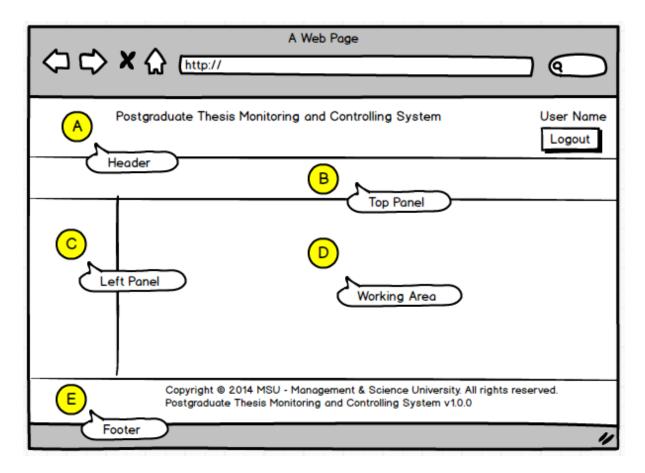


Figure 1: PGTMCS Screen Structure Design

2 USER LOGIN AND LOGOUT

2.1 Login

This is the first page sight by the student to enter the PGTMC system.

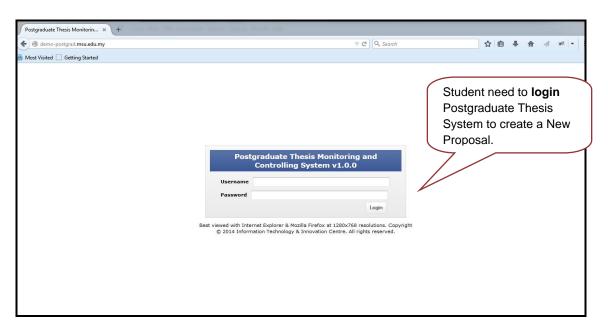


Figure 2: Login Page

Steps:-

- 1. Open any Internet Browser of your choice either Mozilla Firefox or Microsoft Internet Explorer
- 2. Enter the URL to access the system as follows http://postgrad.msu.edu.my/
- Login page will be displayed in which the valid user credential needs to be provided i.e. Username and Password.

2.2 Logout

Once the necessary or required activities has been done or completed, the student can quit from the system by clicking on the **Logout** button.

If the system is keep idle for about 1 minute, the system will logged out the user automatically.

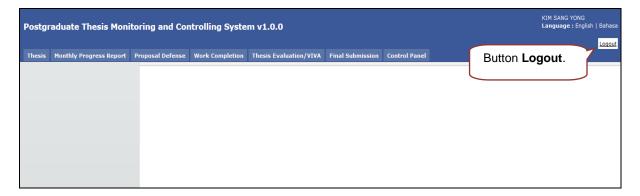


Figure 3: Logout Page

- 1. Find the **Logout** button located on the right top corner of the system **Header** section.
- 2. Click on it and you will be logout from the system successfully.

3 CHANGE PASSWORD

3.1 Change Password

For the security reason, the user is strongly recommended to change the password at first successful login to the system.



Figure 4: Change Password Page

- 1. Click on the **Control Panel** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The **Change Password** menu will be displayed and click on it.
- 3. As to ensure the right user able to change the password, the system will ask **Current Password** used before able to change it to the new password.
- 4. Once the **Current Password** has been provided, the **New Password** and **Verify Password** can be provided afterward.
- 5. Click **Change Password** button to ensure the new password can be saved into the system successfully.
- 6. If the **Current Password** is incorrect, the system will prompt an error message and the user needs to redo the same steps above.
- 7. User can use **Reset** button if wanted to clear the entry on each fields.

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4 THESIS

4.1 Student Profile

Student Profile menu provide facility to the Faculty to search the student using student's name or matric number. It results will show the basic student and thesis information including its thesis progress status.



Figure 5: List of Student - Query page

- 1. Click on the **Thesis** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- 3. Find the **Student Profile** menu and click on it.
- 4. The query page to search the student will be displayed on the right panel.
- 5. Enter the student's name or matrix number on the **Name/Matrix No** field and then click **Find** button.



Figure 6: List of Student with Results

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- 6. If the record is found, then it will be displayed on the result list as shown above
- Click on the View button to view the student detail information.



Figure 7: Student Profile Page

- 8. The page which contains the information of Student Profile, Supervisor/Co-Supervisor, Subject Taken and Thesis History will be displayed on the right panel.
- 9. The user can navigate each of the tabs to view the detail.



Figure 8: Supervisor Page

Supervisor/Co-Supervisor tab shows the list of Supervisor and Co-Supervisor who has been assigned to the student and approved by the Faculty and Senate. They will assist and guide the student during his/her study and ensure the thesis is meeting and delivered as per the University's expectation.

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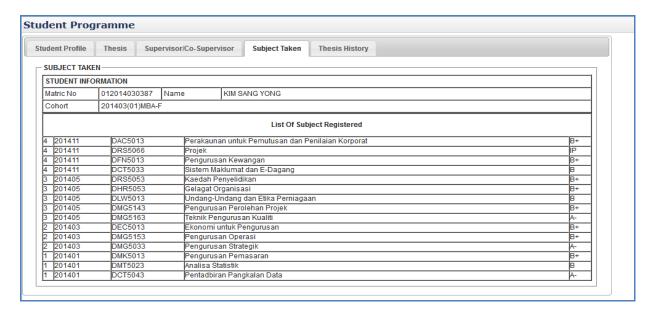


Figure 9: List of Subject Taken Page

Subject Taken tab show the list of subject which has been registered by the student during his/her study in the University. The information is retrieved from MSU's KLAS2 system.

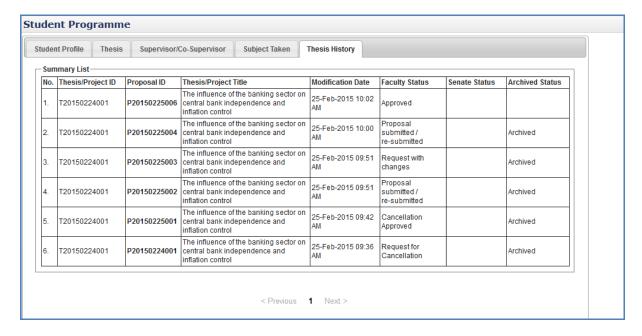


Figure 10: Thesis History Page

Thesis History tab show the thesis proposal progress status from its submission stage until approval.

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10. Click **Back** button if the user wanted to search other student.

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4.2 Thesis Profile

Thesis Profile menu is another facility provided to the Faculty to search the student using student's thesis ID or title. It results will show the basic student and thesis information including its thesis progress status.



Figure 11: Thesis Profile - Query Page

Steps:-

- 1. Click on the **Thesis** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- 3. Find the **Thesis Profile** menu and click on it.
- 4. The query page to search the student will be displayed on the right panel.
- 5. Enter the student's name or matrix number on the **Thesis ID/Title** field and then click **Find** button.

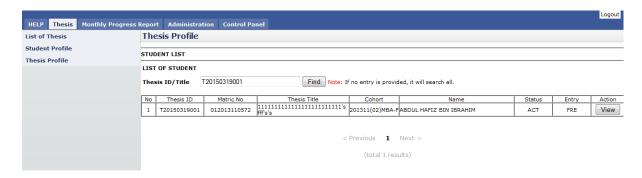


Figure 12: Thesis Profile with Results

- 6. If the record is found, then it will be displayed on the result list as shown above
- 7. Click on the **View** button to view the student detail information.

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Figure 13: Student Profile Page

- 8. The page which contains the information of Student Profile, Supervisor/Co-Supervisor, Subject Taken and Thesis History will be displayed on the right panel.
- 9. The user can navigate each of the tabs to view the detail.



Figure 14: Supervisor Page

Supervisor/Co-Supervisor tab shows the list of Supervisor and Co-Supervisor who has been assigned to the student and approved by the Faculty and Senate. They will assist and guide the student during his/her study and ensure the thesis is meeting and delivered as per the University's expectation.

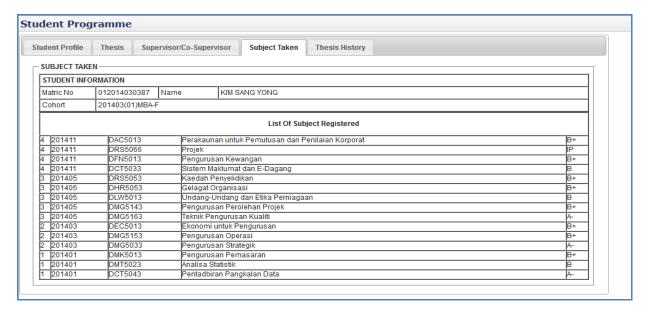


Figure 15: List of Subject Taken Page

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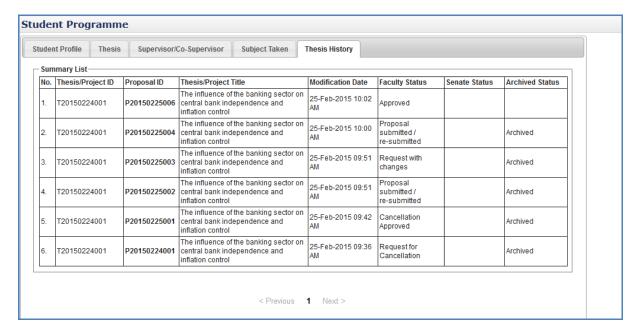


Figure 16: Thesis History Page

Thesis History tab show the thesis proposal progress status from its submission stage until approval.

11. Click **Back** button if the user wanted to search other student.

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4.3 List of Thesis (Approved)

This function is provided to enable the user to list all the approved thesis based on the selected senate meeting date. The recent senate meeting date will be shown on top of the list.



Figure 17: List of Thesis (Approved) - Query Page

Steps:-

- Click on the **Thesis** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- 3. Find the List of Thesis menu and click on it.
- 4. The query page to search the thesis will be displayed on the right panel.
- 5. Select the Senate Meeting Date from the dropdown menu and then click **Search** button.

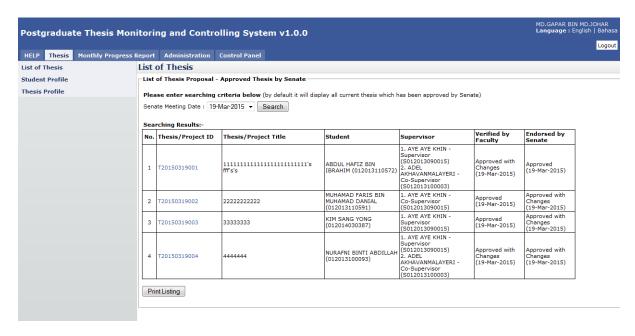


Figure 18: List of Thesis (Approved) with Result Page

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- 6. If the record is found, then it will be displayed on the result list as shown above
- 7. Click on the **Print** button to generate the PDF report.

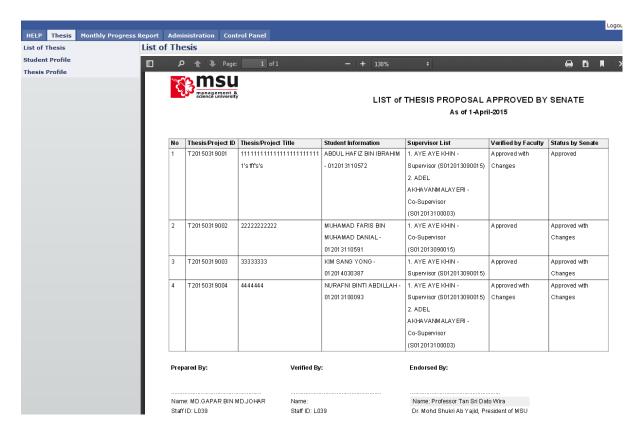


Figure 19: List of Thesis (Approved) PDF Page

8. Once the PDF has been generated, the user can download and save it into local storage.

5 ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Proposal Confirmation

This is the page where the user will review the submitted thesis proposal and provide the feedback either to approve or disapprove it. The search facility is also provided to enable the user to search the specific student based on the required search criteria.

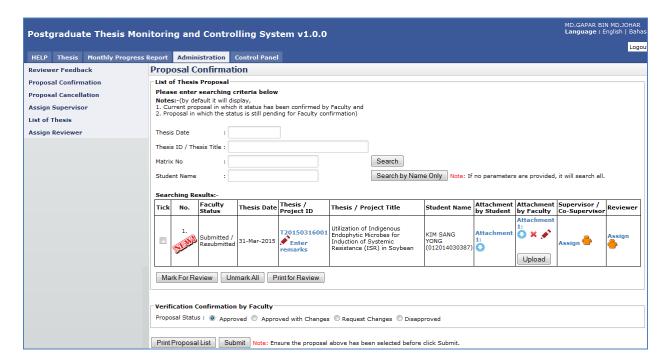


Figure 20: Proposal Confirmation Page

5.1.1 Search Student

Steps:-

- 1. Click on the **Administration** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- 3. Find the Proposal Confirmation menu and click on it.
- 4. The guery page will be displayed on the right panel.
- 5. Enter the required search criteria and then click **Search** button to retrieve the record.
- If the searching is based on the Student Name, then click Search by Name Only button to search the student.
- 7. The result will be displayed on the **Searching Results** list as shown above.

5.1.2 Print for Review

If the user needs to have the list of the submitted thesis proposal for internal discussion purpose, it can be printed by using the **Print for Review** button. Prior to this, the user needs to indicate which thesis proposal needs to be listed in the report.

Steps:-

- 1. Identify the thesis proposal to be in the list by ticking it on the **Tick** column
- 2. Click Mark for Review button to get flag status near to the Thesis ID.

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- Click on Print for Review button to generate the PDF report. The report can be downloaded and save into local.
- 4. The user can undo the flag by clicking the **Unmark All** button which to reset it back to the previous status.

5.1.3 Assign Supervisor/Co-Supervisor

The Supervisor or Co-Supervisor appointment can be done at any point of time either before or after the approval at this page.

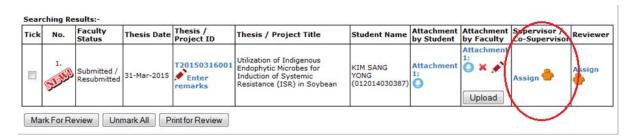




Figure 21: Proposal Confirmation – Assign Supervisor Query Page

- 1. To get the **Assign Supervisor** page, the user can click directly on the **Assign** link on **Supervisor/Co-Supervisor** column.
- 2. The **Assign Supervisor** page will be displayed as shown above.
- 3. By default no List of Supervisor / Co-Supervisor will be displayed for a new thesis proposal.

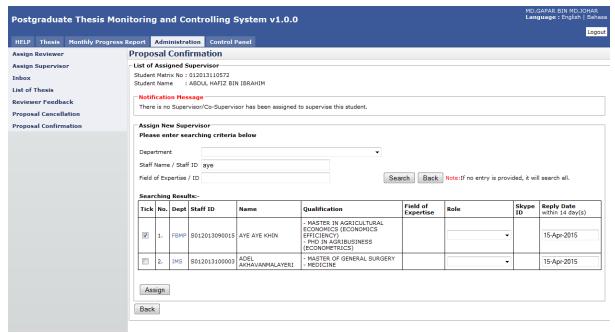


Figure 22: Proposal Confirmation – Assign Supervisor Result Page

- 4. Enter the searching criteria and click **Search** button to find the record.
- 5. If the record is found, it will be displayed under the **Searching Results** as shown above.
- 6. Identify the candidate and assign his/her role by selecting it from the **Role** column. By default the expected reply date is within 14 days starting from the assignment date. User can change the **Reply Date** if needed. Tick on the **Tick** column once done.
- 7. Repeat the same step 4 to 6 if need to assign more than one candidate.
- 8. Once done click on **Assign** button to confirm the selection.



Figure 23: Proposal Confirmation – Assigned Supervisor Page

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- The List of Assigned Supervisor will be refreshed and the selected Supervisor/Co-Supervisor is shown.
- 10. In case there is a need to change the role or reply date, the user can do so by change it from the
- 11. Once done tick the **Tick** column and click Update button to confirm the changes. Again the **List of Assigned Supervisor** will be get refreshed with the latest changes.
- 12. Same also if the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor needs to be removed from the list, identify and tick it on the **Tick** column.
- 13. Click **Delete** button to confirm the deletion.

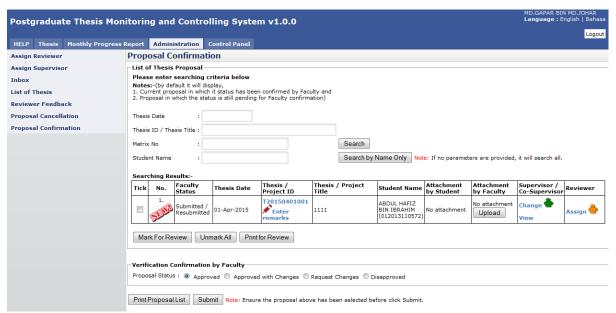
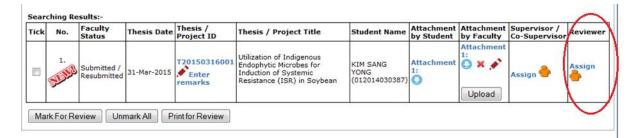


Figure 24: Proposal Confirmation Page

- 14. Click **Back** button to return back to the Proposal Confirmation page.
- 15. The user can change the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor again by clicking on the **Change** link or view the list of assigned Supervisor/Co-Supervisor by clicking on the **View** link.

5.1.4 Assign Reviewer

The Faculty can assign the thesis proposal to the Reviewer for their feedback and opinion. This would help the Faculty to identify the right candidate to be assigned as Supervisor or Co-Supervisor to the student.



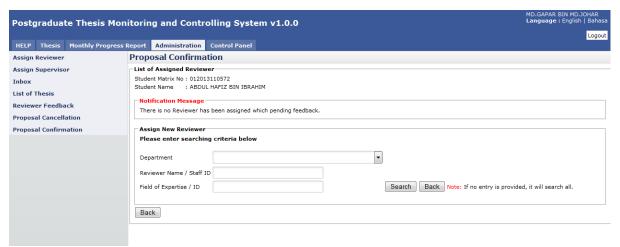


Figure 25: Proposal Confirmation - Assign Reviewer Query Page

- To get the Assign Reviewer page, the user can click directly on the Assign link on Reviewer column.
- 2. The Assign Reviewer page will be displayed as shown above.
- 3. By default no **List of Reviewer** will be displayed for a new thesis proposal.

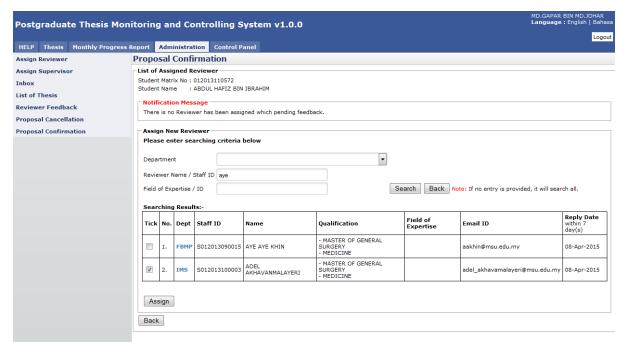


Figure 26: Proposal Confirmation – Assign Reviewer Result Page

- 4. Enter the searching criteria and click **Search** button to find the record.
- 5. If the record is found, it will be displayed under the **Searching Results** as shown above.
- 6. Identify the candidate. By default the expected reply date is within 7 days starting from the assignment date. User can change the **Reply Date** if needed. Tick on the **Tick** column once
- 7. Repeat the same step 4 to 6 if need to assign more than one candidate.
- 8. Once done click on **Assign** button to confirm the selection.

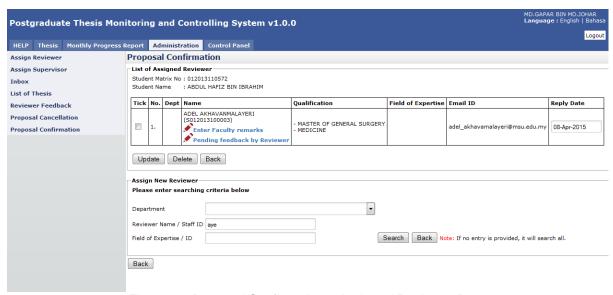


Figure 27: Proposal Confirmation – Assigned Reviewer Page

- The List of Assigned Reviewer will be refreshed and the selected Reviewer is shown.
- 10. In case there is a need to change the reply date, the user can do so by change it from the list.
- 11. Once done tick the **Tick** column and click Update button to confirm the changes. Again the **List of Assigned Reviewer** will be get refreshed with the latest changes.
- 12. Same also if the Reviewer needs to be removed from the list, identify and tick it on the **Tick** column.
- 13. Click **Delete** button to confirm the deletion.



Figure 28: Proposal Confirmation Page

- 14. Click **Back** button to return back to the Proposal Confirmation page.
- 15. The user can change the Reviewer again by clicking on the **Change** link or view the list of assigned Reviewer by clicking on the **View** link.

5.1.5 Faculty Confirmation

Once the Faculty has satisfied with the thesis proposal, the Faculty can proceed with the approval. It will be then forwarded to the Senate for the next level of approval.

Steps:-

- 1. Identify the thesis proposal to be approved by ticking it on the **Tick** column
- 2. Select **Proposal Status** from the list of option given
 - a. Approved The proposal will be forwarded to the Senate
 - b. Approved with Changes The proposal will be forwarded to the Senate
 - Request Change The proposal will be return back to the Student for the amendment required
 - d. Disapproved The proposal will be rejected and the Student needs to submit it again.

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- 3. Click on the **Submit** button to confirm the status
- Once submitted, the thesis proposal's status will be shown as Submitted/Resubmitted and Tick column will be disabled.

5.2 Assign Supervisor/Co-Supervisor

This page is provided to enable the user to maintain the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor for the student. The searching facility is provided for the user to search the right candidate based on the searching criteria. Once the candidate is found, the user will assign it to the Student.



Figure 29: Assign Supervisor Page

- 1. Click on the **Administration** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- Find the Assign Supervisor menu and click on it. Note: The access from the Faculty
 Confirmation page does not require this step. The system will directly open the Assign
 Supervisor page for the user.
- 4. The **Assign Supervisor** page will be displayed on the right panel.

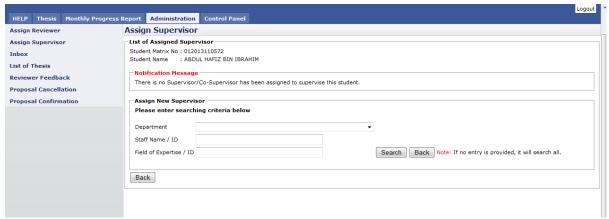


Figure 30: Assign Supervisor - Query Page

By default no List of Supervisor / Co-Supervisor will be displayed for a new thesis proposal.

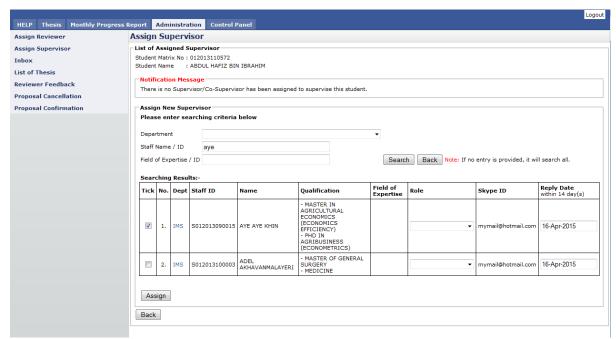


Figure 31: Assign Supervisor with Result Page

- 6. Enter the searching criteria and click **Search** button to find the record.
- 7. If the record is found, it will be displayed under the **Searching Results** as shown above.
- 8. Identify the candidate and assign his/her role by selecting it from the **Role** column. By default the expected reply date is within 14 days starting from the assignment date. User can change the **Reply Date** if needed. Tick on the **Tick** column once done.
- 9. Repeat the same step 6 to 8 if need to assign more than one candidate.
- 10. Once done click on **Assign** button to confirm the selection.

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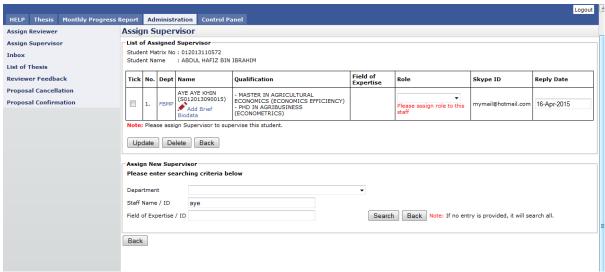


Figure 32: Assigned Supervisor Page

- 11. The **List of Assigned Supervisor** will be refreshed and the selected Supervisor/Co-Supervisor is shown.
- 12. In case there is a need to change the role or reply date, the user can do so by change it from the list.
- 13. Once done tick the **Tick** column and click Update button to confirm the changes. Again the **List of Assigned Supervisor** will be get refreshed with the latest changes.
- 14. Same also if the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor needs to be removed from the list, identify and tick it on the **Tick** column.
- 15. Click **Delete** button to confirm the deletion.
- 16. Click Back button to return back to the Assign Supervisor page.

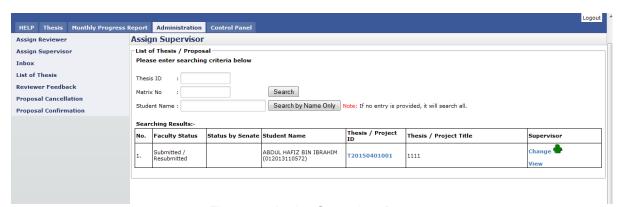


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17. The user can change the Supervisor/Co-Supervisor again by clicking on the **Change** link or view the list of assigned Supervisor/Co-Supervisor by clicking on the **View** link.

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Figure 34: Assign Reviewer Page

Steps:-

- 1. Click on the **Administration** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- 3. Find the Assign Reviewer menu and click on it. Note: The access from the Faculty Confirmation page does not require this step. The system will directly open the Assign Reviewer page for the user.
- The Assign Reviewer page will be displayed on the right panel.

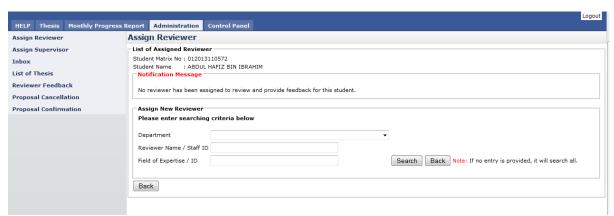


Figure 35: Assign Reviewer Query Page

5. By default no **List of Reviewer** will be displayed for a new thesis proposal.

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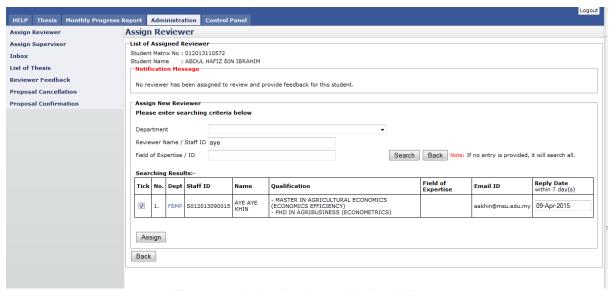


Figure 36: Assign Reviewer with Result Page

- 6. Enter the searching criteria and click **Search** button to find the record.
- 7. If the record is found, it will be displayed under the **Searching Results** as shown above.
- 8. Identify the candidate. By default the expected reply date is within 7 days starting from the assignment date. User can change the **Reply Date** if needed. Tick on the **Tick** column once done.
- 9. Repeat the same step 4 to 6 if need to assign more than one candidate.
- 10. Once done click on **Assign** button to confirm the selection.



Figure 37: Assigned Reviewer Page

11. The List of Assigned Reviewer will be refreshed and the selected Reviewer is shown.

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- 12. In case there is a need to change the reply date, the user can do so by change it from the list.
- 13. Once done tick the **Tick** column and click Update button to confirm the changes. Again the **List of Assigned Reviewer** will be get refreshed with the latest changes.
- 14. Same also if the Reviewer needs to be removed from the list, identify and tick it on the **Tick** column.
- 15. Click **Delete** button to confirm the deletion.
- 16. Click Back button to return back to the Assign Reviewer page.

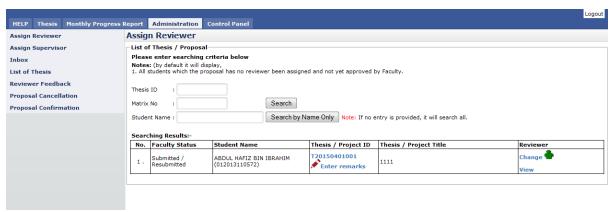


Figure 38: Assign Reviewer Page

17. The user can change the Reviewer again by clicking on the **Change** link or view the list of assigned Reviewer by clicking on the **View** link.

5.4 Reviewer Feedback

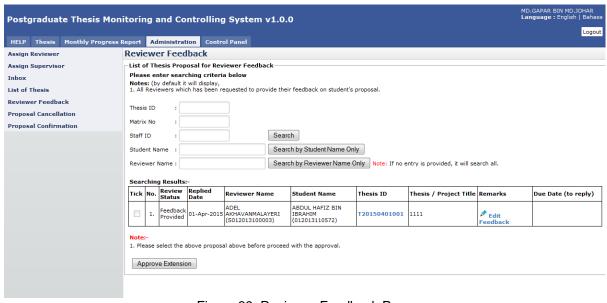


Figure 39: Reviewer Feedback Page

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Steps:-

- 1. Click the **Administration** tab from the system top panel.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- 3. Find the Reviewer Feedback menu and click on it.
- 4. The Reviewer Feedback page will be displayed on the right panel.
- 5. Click on the Edit Feedback link on Remarks column to see the comment given by the Reviewer.
- 6. If the Reviewer requests to extend the review timeline, user can approve it by ticking the **Tick** column and click on the **Approve Extension** button.
- 7. The Reviewer can retrieve back the thesis and provide the comment accordingly.

5.5 Proposal Cancellation

In some cases, if the student found the thesis proposal need to be updated after it has been submitted to the Faculty, he/she can request the Faculty to cancel it. Once the update is done, then the student can resubmit it again to the Faculty.

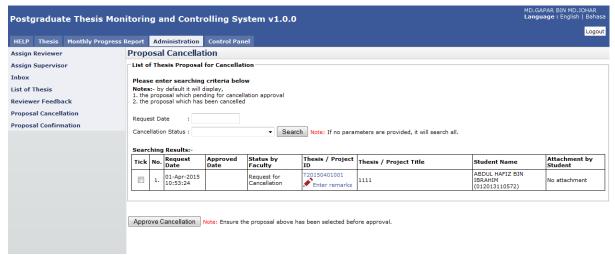


Figure 40: Proposal Cancellation Page

- 1. Click the **Administration** tab from the system top panel.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- 3. Find the **Proposal Cancellation** menu and click on it.
- 4. The **Proposal Cancellation** page will be displayed on the right panel.
- 5. Find the thesis proposal submitted by the student for cancellation.
- 6. Click on the Enter Remark link to view the justification given by the student for the cancellation.

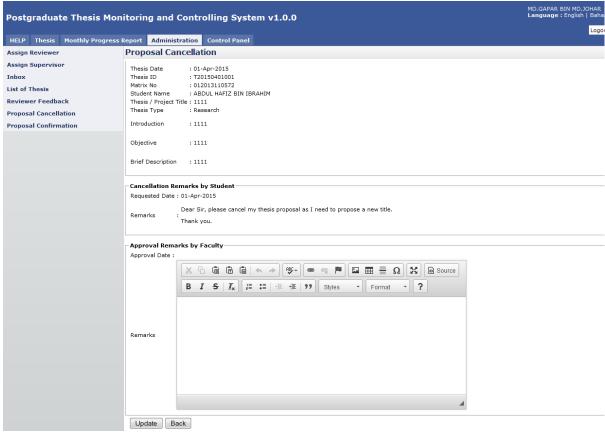


Figure 41: Proposal Cancellation – Faculty Remark Page

- 7. The view page is displayed as shown above.
- 8. Enter the remarks on the **Approval Remarks by Faculty** section.
- 9. Click **Update** button to confirm the changes.
- 10. Click **Back** button to return back to the **Proposal Cancellation** page.

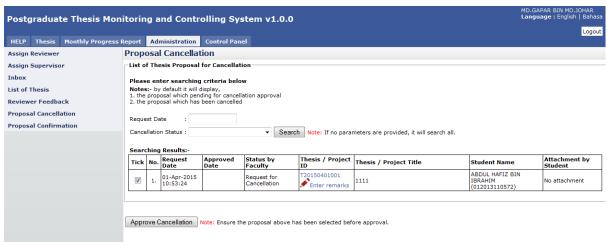


Figure 42: Proposal Cancellation Page – Before Approve

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- 11. Identify the thesis proposal to approve the cancellation by ticking on the **Tick** column.
- 12. Click **Approve Cancellation** button to cancel the thesis proposal. The student will have back his/her proposal for the changes required.

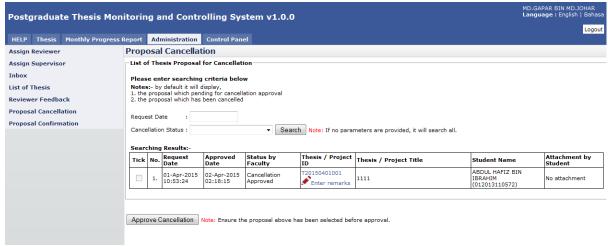


Figure 43: Proposal Cancellation Page – After Approve

13. The Proposal Cancellation page will be refreshed and the Tick column will be disabled.

5.6 List of Thesis (Disapproved)

This function is provided to enable the user to list all the disapproved thesis based on the selected senate meeting date. The recent senate meeting date will be shown on top of the list.



Figure 44: List of Thesis (Disapproved) - Query Page

Steps:-

- Click on the **Thesis** tab from the system **Top** panel section.
- 2. The list of menu will be displayed on the left panel.
- 3. Find the **List of Thesis** menu and click on it.
- The query page to search the thesis will be displayed on the right panel.

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5. Select the Senate Meeting Date from the dropdown menu and then click **Search** button.

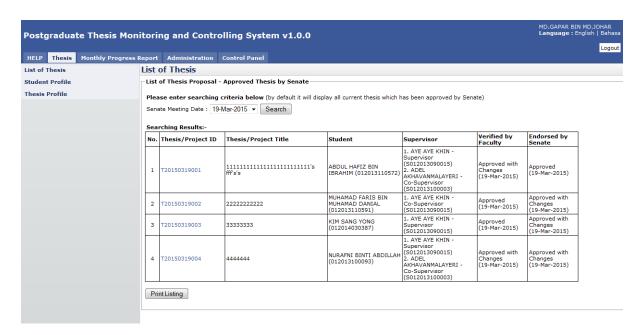


Figure 45: List of Thesis Proposal - Result Page

- 6. If the record is found, then it will be displayed on the result list as shown above
- 7. Click on the **Print** button to generate the PDF report.

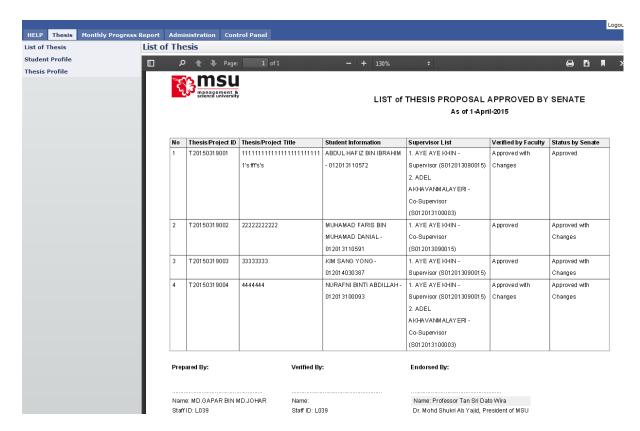


Figure 46: List of Thesis Proposal (Disapproved) PDF Page

8. Once the PDF has been generated, the user can download and save it into local storage.