

12.14 Ph.D. Oral Examination

1. The Ph.D. oral examination will be an open examination. The supervisor will be the convener of the oral board and will fix the date of the oral examination and intimate the date to the Office of Academic Affairs. 2. If a member of the oral board communicates his/her inability to be present in advance or fails to be present on the specified date and time, the Chairperson, Senate may appoint a substitute in consultation with the thesis supervisor(s), Convener DPGC and DoAA. 3. Each member of the oral board will be given a copy of the thesis/revised thesis, along with the reports of the thesis evaluation committee at least one week before the date of the oral examination. 4. The oral board shall (i) examine the thesis reports, (ii) examine if necessary modifications suggested by the thesis examiners have been incorporated, (iii) examine the candidate on questions raised by the thesis evaluation board, (iv) authenticate the work as the student's own, (v) judge if the presentation of the work by the student and the answers to the questions asked have been satisfactory, and (vi) provide a report of the candidate's performance, which will be communicated by the supervisor(s) to the DoAA through the Convener, DPGC and Head of the Department. 5. If all, except at most one member, declare the student as passed, the matter will be referred to the Chairperson, Senate for a decision on whether or not the student be declared 'passed'. 6. If a candidate has not passed, the oral board will specify whether (i) the candidate may be given another chance to appear in the oral examination and will specify the approximate date for re-examination. The original oral board will conduct the reexamination unless a different oral board is approved by the Chairperson, Senate. In the reexamination, the board will declare whether the student has passed or failed as per the criteria laid down above but will not recommend holding a third oral examination. (ii) the candidate is declared to have failed. 7. On receipt of the report that the student has passed the oral examination, the DoAA will initiate further proceedings for the award of the Ph.D. degree. 8. If the candidate has failed, the matter will be brought to the attention of the Chairperson, Senate for further action.