

12.10 Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation Board

The thesis will be evaluated by a board. The board, approved by the Chairperson, Senate, shall consist of two members in addition to the thesis supervisor(s). Members of the board should be very well recognized in the field and should be from other Institutes/ Universities/Research Organizations. The procedure for constitution of the 'Thesis Evaluation Board' is as follows: 1. The list of thesis examiners should be proposed at most 4 weeks before the submission of the Ph.D. thesis. 2. The research supervisor of the student should propose a list of 10 examiners (including himself/herself, with contact details including email, fax, telephone number and complete postal address) to the Office of Academic Affairs. Among the 10 listed examiners for Ph.D. thesis evaluation, not more than five may be from outside India. A hardcopy and softcopy of the synopsis should also be submitted along with the list of examiners. To provide larger visibility to the research work carried out in IISER Bhopal in international front it is advised to put at least three examiners for Ph.D. Thesis evaluation from outside India. 3. The Chairperson, Senate, in consultation with the DoAA will select the names of the thesis examiners from the list provided by the supervisor to constitute the thesis evaluation board. The Chairperson, Senate may add examiners and/or ask for an additional list of examiners, if required. In case the Chairperson, Senate is the thesis supervisor, then the thesis evaluation board will be constituted by the DoAA. In case the DoAA is the thesis supervisor, then the Chairperson, Senate will constitute the thesis evaluation board, in consultation with the Dean, Faculty Affairs. 4. DoAA will send a copy of the synopsis to each member of the thesis evaluation board for obtaining their consent to act as thesis examiners. If no consent is obtained within two weeks, DoAA will communicate with other examiners in the list (as approved by the Chairperson, Senate), and this exercise will continue until adequate number of examiners have consented. In rare circumstances, the DoAA may request another list of suggested examiners from the thesis supervisor, in case the original list is exhausted, and adequate number of examiners is not found. 5. After consent is obtained from the examiners, a copy of the thesis (soft bound hardcopy/softcopy depending upon the preference of the examiner) is sent to each examiner. Such a copy of the thesis must be submitted to the Office of Academic Affairs within 4 weeks of the submission of the list of examiners. The preference of the thesis examiner for a soft-bound copy/soft copy of the thesis will be communicated to the supervisor as soon as it is known. 6. In case the DoAA is the supervisor of the Ph.D. student, the above exercise is carried out by Dean, Faculty Affairs. 7. In all cases, the names of the thesis examiners will be kept confidential till the oral examination. Upon the completion of the evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis, the Office of Academic Affairs will communicate the names of the faculty members of the Institute (if any), as well as, the names of the thesis examiners from outside the Institute who will be a part of the oral board, approved by the Chairperson, Senate, to the thesis supervisor.