Summary of recommendations for changes to the regulations for 2015-16

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Awards of the University of Portsmouth

(i) Higher Doctorates have been withdrawn as an award of the University (Minute 27(c), Academic Council, 20th January 2015).

(ii) A new policy for the Recognition of Prior Learning was approved by Quality Assurance Committee and all details of recognition of prior learning will be moved to this policy rather than duplicated (Minute 51, Quality Assurance Committee, 1st May 2015)

Examination and Assessment Regulations

(i) Students who do not attempt the final artefact in a unit will no longer be prevented from undertaking a second attempt assessment (Minute 49, Academic Council, 24th March 2015). This change was introduced early in the 2014-15 academic year.

Research Regulations

(i) The timescale for awarding with minor amendments will be extended from 3 months to 6 months ((Minute 53.6 following Chairs action, University Research Degrees Committee, 12th May 2015).

(ii) Posthumous research awards can be awarded provided that the thesis was ready for submission for examination and that URDC confirms that the candidate would have been likely to be successful at viva (Minute 53.7, University Research Degrees Committee, 12th May 2015).

(iii) Students are now expected to attend any final review meeting following on for a Major Review (Minute 53.8.2, University Research Degrees Committee, 12th May 2015).

(iv) Internal examiners must not have been a supervisor for the student (Minute 53.8.3, University Research Degrees Committee, 12th May 2015).

(v) Where an MPhil is awarded subject to minor amendments following a PhD viva voce, the examiners will specify how many and which of the examiners will signify satisfaction (Minute 53.8.3, University Research Degrees Committee, 12th May 2015).

(vi) Where examiners fail to reach a unanimous decision and a further examiner is appointed with a new formal examination, an Independent Chair shall be appointed (Minute 53.8.3, University Research Degrees Committee, 12th May 2015).

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