

PAPER FOR ENDORSEMENT OF SENATE

PROPOSAL ON CHANGES ON ACADEMIC RESIDENTIAL REQUIREMENT TO POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS

1.0 INTRODUCTION

This paper seeks the endorsement of the Senate on changes to residential requirement on postgraduate students.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The Board of Governors in its 43rd meeting on 26 January 2016 has deliberated and decided that the University needs to intensify its effort in achieving the target of 30% increase in the population of international students by 2025.

It is strongly believed that one of the obstacles in achieving the above target is the requirement for academic residence for postgraduate students. The Postgraduate Regulations (Revised 2015) states that:

- *Article 37.1 Students pursuing a postgraduate programme under 'research only' should fulfill the suggested academic residence requirement.*
- *Article 37.2 The minimum period for the residence requirement should be at the discretion of the relevant Centre of Studies."*

The Centre for Postgraduate Studies would like to propose that:

- i. all postgraduate students (Master and PhD) doing full research to be exempted from any requirement for academic residence
- ii. all Kulliyahs should be flexible to accommodate postgraduate students who are not able to be physically present in the Universiti or in Malaysia.
- iii. this new policy is to be effective from Semester 1, 2016/17.

This paper has been deliberated and approved by the Deans' Council Meeting No. 3/2016 held on 24th March 2016.

3.0 PROPOSAL

The Senate members are kindly requested to endorse the above proposal.

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