

PROPOSAL FOR SENATE ENDORSEMENT

PROPOSAL TO APPOINT SUPERVISORS FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDENTS ON RESEARCH ONLY MODE OF STUDY UPON THE REGISTRATION OF THE STUDENTS

1.0 OBJECTIVE

This proposal has been approved by the 427th Senate on 26 August 2016. However, a slight addition has to be made to the original proposal in order to ease the process in postgraduate supervision.

Hence, the purpose of this paper is to seek the approval of the Senate on the additional clause (Point no.4) on the proposal to appoint supervisors for postgraduate students (Master and PhD) on Research Only Mode, upon their registration at the respective Kulliyyahs / Centre of Studies.

2.0 BACKGROUND

Currently, the appointment of supervisors for postgraduate students (Masters and PhD) on Research Only Mode is done after they have successfully defended their research proposal, gained approval by the KPGC, and received endorsement by the Senate. The time taken for the students to complete the process would take a few semesters in most cases. This has hindered the students from graduating-on-time and unnecessarily prolonged the students study period. Throughout that period, unofficial supervisors or advisors are appointed to guide them, putting both academic staff and student in a long period of uncertainty. In some cases, these advisors were not appointed as the actual supervisors.

3.0 PROPOSAL

The Centre for Postgraduate Studies is proposing that all Kulliyyah / Centre of Studies to assign a supervisor upon the registration of the postgraduate students (Master and PhD) on Research Only Mode at the respective Kulliyyahs / Centre of Studies.

1. The appointed supervisor is to be assigned based on the research proposal that the student submitted.

2. The supervisor would guide the student through-out the period of preparing their research proposal and monitor the progress until the student successfully defends the thesis proposal. The supervisor would then continue supervising the student until the student successfully graduates.
3. In the event that the assigned supervisor cannot continue to supervise the said student, the normal procedure to change the supervisor should be followed.
4. In cases when a potential PG student has been in contact with a particular academic staff and has conveyed his or her interest to appoint the lecturer as the supervisor, and the lecturer has given the consent for such appointment, then the agreement shall be honoured and formalized by the Kulliyyah; provided that the appointment does not contradict the IIUM Code of Supervision.

4.0 APPROVAL

The Senate is kindly requested to approve the proposal.

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