

**PROPOSAL ON SYNCHRONISING THE DOCTORAL EXAMINATION
COMMITTEE (DEC) POWERS
CENTRE FOR POSTGRADUATE STUDIES**

1. INTRODUCTION

This paper seeks the endorsement of the Senate on the proposal to synchronize or strengthen the credibility of the **Doctoral Examination Committee (DEC)**.

2. BACKGROUND

The Doctoral Examination Committee (DEC) is the main body which is responsible in granting the final verdict to Ph.D research. The DEC has the full authority to evaluate, give suggestions and comments to the research that has been conducted by a Ph.D candidate.

The functions of DEC as stated in the Postgraduate Regulations clause 25.7.3 are:

- a) The DEC shall function as the highest examining body for Ph.D research work and shall determine whether the research work is of an acceptable standard or not.
- b) The DEC shall conduct the viva voce or public seminar for a doctoral candidate.
- c) The DEC shall prepare a report containing the assessment of the DEC members and indicate areas in the research work that need revisions or corrections.
- d) In cases of plagiarism, the DEC as the highest examining body for Ph.D research shall convene to deliver the final decision on the thesis or dissertation after receiving the advice from the University's Committee for Academic Integrity.

The members of the DEC as stated in clause 25.7.1 are as follows:

- a) Deputy Rector (Academic and Planning) or a representative as Chairperson.
- b) All Appointed Examiners.
- c) Supervisor (if deemed necessary by the chairperson).
- d) Chairperson of the KPGC or representative.
- e) Dean of CPS or representative from the CPS as Secretariat

3. **PROPOSAL**

The proposal is to limit the number of the DEC members as stated below:

- a) Deputy Rector (Academic and Planning) or a representative as Chairperson.
- b) All Appointed Examiners.
- c) Dean of CPS or representative from the CPS as Secretariat
- d) The Dean of the Kulliyyah or his / her representative (as an observer)
- e) Supervisor (s) (as an observer)

4. **CONCLUSION**

Senate members are kindly requested to endorse the proposal above.

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