Role of the Chair of Examiners in the thesis examination process

The Chair of Examiners acts as the delegate of the enrolling AOU’s PGC for academic matters regarding the candidate’s thesis examination. Where a Chair of Examiners is not appointed, the PGC retains this role for that candidate unless the PGC is part of the candidate’s advisory team in which case the head of the enrolling AOU will assume this role.

**The Chair of Examiners**

- Is nominated for each research higher degree student whose thesis is submitted for examination
- Is identified at the thesis review milestone interview
- Is an academic staff member of the University of Queensland
- Must hold a degree of a level equivalent to or greater than the one the thesis is being examined for
- Must be familiar with the research discipline represented in the candidate’s thesis, or in the case of multi-disciplinary theses be familiar with part of the research discipline represented by the thesis.
- Must not be a current or former member of the advisory team

**Duties of the Chair of Examiners**

- To review and determine the adequacy of the response of the candidate to the examiners (s) comments and recommendations
- To provide specific academic advice to the Dean of Graduate School on an examiner(s’) thesis recommendations when requested. This may occur when the Examiners’ recommendations are highly divergent or when there is a recommendation of revise and resubmit. The Chair of Examiners is expected to confer with the candidate’s advisory team must confine his/her comments to the matters raised in the examiner(s)’ reports.
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