SUMMARY OF CHANGES TO REGULATORY FRAMEWORK FOR SESSION 2019/20 – APPROVED BY SENATE 4TH JUNE 2019

**Background to main changes**

As a result of the implementation of the HE Governance Scotland Act 2016, a revised Order of Council 2019 will provide the University's powers to award degrees and other academic distinctions from 1st October 2019.

Where relevant, these changes have been incorporated in the updated Regulatory Framework for 2019/20.

Revisions have also been made throughout in relation to revisions to Committees organisational structures, in particular changes to *Subject Panels* and *Progression and Awards Boards*, which will become **School Assessment Boards** and **School Board of Examiners** respectively.

The Doctoral College has recommended a number of changes to Chapter 4 on Research Degrees. The main changes are outlined below.

| Regulation | Amendment |
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| **Chapter 1**<br>**Programmes and Awards** | |
| 1.10 | <u>Powers</u><br>Reference to 2015 Order of Council – add footnote to state that new Order of Council 2019 will apply from 1st October 2019 |
| 1.15-1.17 | <u>Conferment of Awards</u><br>Minor changes to terminology regarding *granting* and *conferment* of awards, taking cognisance of School Boards of Assessment and delegated authority from Senate to grant awards.<br>Similar terminology and proposals in relation to taught, research and higher awards<br>Clarification of and consistency of language throughout the Regulations in reference to ***granting*** of awards. |
| 1.21 | <u>Professional Doctorate</u> – delete word 'taught' in relation to maximum amount of credit at SCQF level 11. |
| 1.23 | <u>Programme Specifications</u><br>Delete – *assessment at each level* – this is in module descriptor.<br>Add reference to PSRB requirements<br>Add intermediate, exit and combined awards<br>Add cross reference to Programmes of Study – 1.48-1.52 |
| 1.32 | <u>Integrated Masters</u><br>Change *conferred* to *granted* |
| 1.33 | <u>Intermediate awards</u><br>Change …..*has the right to claim* any intermediate award…… within 5 years…..<br>to ….*may be granted*. |

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| 1.35 | Change *made* to *granted* <br> Change *obtained* to *met the requirements for* |
| 1.36 | Change *make* to *grant* |
| 1.51 | <u>Programmes of Study</u> <br> Add clarification re PSRB requirements – in italics <br> Any *specific requirements including* elements that must be passed *or have a higher threshold pass than University Regulations* in order to qualify for professional accreditation must be identified in the programme specification. |
| 1.52 | Added in italics <br> Any modifications to a programme specification must be approved by the relevant School Board *or the body assigned by the School Board to approve programme modifications*. |
| **Chapter 2** <br> **Admissions and Recognition of Prior Learning** | |
| 2.8 | Revised and simplified wording regarding postgraduate taught entry: <br><br> REVISED -The University's general entry requirement for admission to a taught postgraduate programme is an undergraduate degree. *Some Masters programmes require at least an Upper Second Class (2:1) degree and some may specify the relevant subject required.* <br> Previously:- <br> The University's general entry requirement for admission to a taught postgraduate programme is an undergraduate degree. *For a particular programme the subject range of acceptable degrees may be specified including for instance an Honours degree in a named subject. Direct entry to a Masters programme (as distinct from progression to a Masters on the basis of PgD performance) should require that the entrant holds an honours degree or an accepted equivalent.* |
| **Chapter 3** <br> **Assessment** | |
| 3.6 | <u>Programme Specification</u> – replace *whether* …with *how….* <br> Add cross reference to 1.23 |
| 3.15 | <u>Award</u> <br> Change *conferment* to *grant* |
| 3.24 | Change *academic record* to *transcript* <br> Add *'for those modules'* after *'grade C'* <br> Add *'calculation of the'* in advance of *'classification of Honours'* |
| 3.39 | Add clarification that there is no right to re-assessment to improve a grade if the module has been passed. |
| **Chapter 4** <br> **Research Degrees** | |
| 4.1 | Change *awarded* to *granted* |
| 4.2 | Change *direction* to *supervision* |
| 4.13 | Add *MRes*/MPhil |
| 4.15 | Add *verifiable* |

| 4.16 | Add *MRes/*MPhil<br>Change *an international* to *non-UK* |
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| 4.17 | Add *exceptionally* in relation to high quality Honours degree<br>Add *peer-reviewed*<br>Add *verifiable* |
| 4.18 | Change *shall normally be approved* to *is subject to approval*<br>Delete *it would normally be expected that candidates should be* and replace with *and is*<br>Add *or equivalent*<br>Replace *have* with *has verifiably granted* |
| 4.19 | Add */Portfolio* to title |
| 4.20 | Replace *for* with *pursuing*<br>Replace *award* with *route*<br>Add *who have completed any probationary period* |
| 4.21 | Delete normally |
| 4.22 | Delete *of identifying an area of research interest and submitting a research proposal*<br>Add *peer- reviewed*<br>Replace *papers* with *outputs*<br>*Add cross reference to 4.25 and 4.26* |
| 4.25 | Replace *public* with *published*<br>Delete *approximately 6* to replace with *a minimum of 4*<br>Delete *together with*<br>Delete *discussion* |
| 4.29 | Delete *normally* |
| 4.30 | Delete *normally* |
| 4.31 | Replace *a research degree or professional doctorate candidate* with *candidates for degrees as set out in Regulation 4.12* |
| 4.35 | Add *MRes/PhD* |
| 4.38 | Add *exceptionally* |
| 4.40 | Delete *normally* |
| 4.41 | Add *Subject to a request supported with verifiable evidence, the Chair of the Doctoral College may approve a 6 month extension to  the maximum period of registration*<br>Delete *registered on a PhD or on an MPhil/PhD* |
| 4.42 | Delete *normally* |
| 4.43 | Replace *ill health or other good cause* with *verifiable medical reasons and other reasons outwith their control*<br>Delete *The authorised interruption shall not exceed any single period exceeding one year* |
| 4.44 | Add *including mode of study, interruptions, extensions, change of scope or change of supervisory arrangements* |

| 4.51 | Deleted *normally* |
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| | Replace *a patent application to be lodged or to protect material which is commercially or for some other good reason, sensitive* with *protection of sensitive material and for the purpose of protecting intellectual property rights* |
| 4.52 | Delete *normally* |
| 4.54 | Delete *shall normally* and replace with *may* |
| 4.63 | Replace teachers with supervisors |
| 4.64 | Delete *Professional* |
| | Add *that include a taught component* |
| 4.67 | Streamlined wording regarding progress monitoring. |
| 4.70 | Replace *agree* with *confirm* |
| | Delete *this will normally equate to not less than 6 weeks contact per year at locations appropriate to the programme of study* |
| 4.71 | Add *MRes or* |
| 4.72 | Replace *teachers* with *supervisors* |
| 4.76 | Delete *normally* |
| 4.78 | Revised wording re oral assessment |
| | Delete *normally* |
| 4.79 | Delete *detailed* |
| 4.81 | Delete *shall consult with the supervisory team* |
| 4.82 | Add *MRes/PhD or* |
| | Delete *normally* |
| 4.85 | Clarification of arrangements to approve authorised interruption |
| 4.90 | Delete *normal scholarly and other* |
| 4.98 | Delete *normally* |
| | Delete *not exceed* |
| 4.99 | Delete *normally* |
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| 4.100 | Delete *normally* |
| 4.102 | Add */portfolio* |
| 4.103 | Delete *normally* |
| 4.105 | Delete *of published research* |
| | Delete *normally* |
| | Replace *awarded* with *granted* |
| 4.106 | Add *submitted* |
| | Delete *of published work* |
| | Delete *public* |
| | Delete *a critical review* |
| | Delete *to 25,000* |
| | Delete *critical review* |
| 4.107-4.111 | Deleted *Guidance on the format of the Portfolio for the PhD by Publication* |
| **All regulations renumbered from here onwards.  Original regulation number in (brackets)** | |
| (4.112) 4.107 | Delete *for the degree of MRes, DBA, DProf, EngD, MPhil or PhD* |
| (4.113) 4.108 | Replace *awarded* with *granted* |
| (4.115) 4.110 | Revised wording regarding right to proceed with submission against advice of supervisors |
| (4.116) 4.111 | MRes by viva now exception rather than normal |

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| (4.120) 4.115 | Add *relevant* | |
| (4.121) 4.116 | Add *or nominee* | |
| (4.128) 4.123 | Revised wording re declaration of examination as null and void | |
| (4.130) 4.125 | Replace *RTU* with *RSU* | |
| (4.131) 4.126 | Replace *should* with *must*<br>Replace *teacher* with *supervisor* | |
| (4.133) 4.128 | Replace *have the capacity to examine creative outputs* with *demonstrate a track record of examining such studies* | |
| (4.134) 4.129 | Replace *in conjunction with the School* with *appointed by the School and approved by Chair of DCB*<br>Add *along with preliminary examiners' reports and Chair's report … immediately after viva* | |
| (4.135) 4.130 | Add *Recognised Supervisor* | |
| (4.137) 4.132 | Delete *normally*<br>Replace *collaborating with who hold formal partnership arrangement with the University*<br>Delete *normally*<br>Add *during the academic year of examination*<br>Add *relevant*<br>Add period of appointment and maximum number of examinations for doctoral programme external examiners | |
| (4.138) 4.133 | Add *independent*<br>Delete *normally* | |
| (4.139) 4.134 | Clarification regarding timing and submission of independent examiners reports | |
| (4.140) 4.135 | Deleted *even if examiners are of the opinion that the thesis is unsatisfactory. In any such case, the examiners shall provide the University with written guidance for the candidate concerning the deficiencies of the thesis.* | |
| (4.141) 4.136 | Clarification of 'submission' | |
| (4.142) 4.137 | **Recommendations Following Examination**<br>Change *'awarded'* to *'granted'* | |
| (4.143) 4.138 | Add *at the completion of the viva voce examination* | |
| (4.146) 4.141 | Clarification regarding not receiving a fail decision after 1st attempt | |
| (4.147) 4.142 | Clarified wording for re-examination<br>Deleted *in accordance with procedures established by Senate* | |
| (4.148) 4.143 | Add *to the Chairperson for the attention of the Chair of the Doctoral College Board within two weeks of the Viva* | |
| (4.149) 4.144 | Add *Chair of the* | |
| (4.153) 4.148 | MRes – viva by exception only | |
| (4.156) 4.151 | **Research Degrees by Publication**<br>Change *'awarded'* to *'granted'* | |
| (4.157) 4.152 | **Posthumous Awards**<br>Change '*awarded'* to '*granted'* | |
| (4.158) 4.153 | Replace *examination may be declared null and void* with *Chair of the Doctoral College Board may declare the examination* | |
| (4.159) 4.154 | **Re-examination General Requirements**<br>Refreshed wording<br>Delete *as applicable*<br>Add *the joint examiners report from the first attempt* | |

| (4.165) 4.160 | Change *'awarded'* to *'granted'*<br>Delete *and not be permitted to be re-examined* |
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| (4.176) 4.171 | **Higher Doctorates**<br>Add Doctor of Music |
| (4.177- 4.195)<br>4.172-4.191 | Revised criteria, application and assessment arrangements for **Higher Doctorates** |
| **Chapter 5**<br>**Code of Discipline for Students**<br>**Chapter 6**<br>**Student Appeals**<br>No changes | |