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Postgraduate Studies. Upon receiving the documents, the Faculty Head of Research and Postgraduate Studies, or the Head of Postgraduate Studies will set up the PhD Progression Committee.

2.3. The PhD Progression Committee

2.3.1 Membership

The PhD Progression Committee consists of:

- (a) The Chair, who is the Dean or a Professor of the respective faculty, appointed by the Dean
- (b) Two (2) senior members of the faculty, nominated by the faculty
- (c) At least one (1) Professor from another faculty (must have experience in supervising postgraduate students, especially PhD students)

The PhD Progression Committee is administratively supported by the Director of Office of Postgraduate Studies, or representative.

Note: The committee members must not be the examiner to the applicant in the future (to avoid possible conflict of interest).

2.3.2 Scope of PhD Progression Committee

The PhD Progression Committee shall:

- a) Review the PhD proposal for acceptable quality of a PhD work
- b) Evaluate the PhD proposal for acceptable quality of a PhD work
- c) Submit a report/minutes to the Faculty and the Office of Postgraduate Studies on the achievements or comments regarding the application concerned

The PhD Progression documents submitted by the applicant are subjected for review by the Cca a JHY' a Ya VYfg' Z' hY' Udd' JWBHg' XcW/a Ybng' \Uj' Y' XYa cbgfUHX' k cf_ cZ' Ub' UMYdUV' Y' quality for progression, then the applicant will be called to present his/her work at the PhD Progression examination.

2.4. The PhD Progression Examination

The applicant must give an oral presentation in the PhD Progression Examination. The PhD Progression Committee members will act as the examiners who will evaluate hY'Udd' JWBHg' work and ask questions regarding the PhD Progression. H\Y'Udd' JWBHg' supervisor (or co-supervisor) is required to attend the Udd' JWBHg' presentation merely as an observer and should not interfere with the examination process, unless specifically requested by the Chair.

The applicant has to give a 20-minute presentation, which include:

- (a) Research progress to date
- (b) Research achievements to date, including publications
- (c) Literature review
- (d) Research plan for PhD (including research question, objectives, research significance, methods and equipment resources, estimated budget)
- (e) Gantt chart of the PhD work

The presentation will be followed by a question/comment session, after which the applicant is to leave the presentation venue. The PhD Progression Committee members, together with the



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The Committee will then discuss whether the applicant has done sufficient work in his/her A UghfEg h Xmas well as the quality of his/her PhD proposal. In order for the progression to be successful, a UNANIMOUS approval from Committee members is required.

2.5. The Results of PhD Progression Examination

After the PhD Progression examination, the PhD Progression Committee may make one of the following recommendations for the TMM and University Senate:

- (a) The applicant is upgraded to a PhD programme;
- (b) The applicant is NOT recommended to be upgraded but has h'c' W'a d'Yh' h'Y' A UghfEg degree.

Further to item 2.5(a) above:

- (i) In the event that the application is successful, the said applicant shall only be entitled to a PhD qualification award, upon successful completion of the PhD programme, and will NOT VY YbhYX'h'c' UA UghfEg ei U]Z]W]h]cb.
- (ii) In the event that the said applicant does not complete or fail the PhD programme, the student will NOT be entitled to any award.

2.6. Senate's Approval

The decision from the PhD Progression Committee will be deliberated at the Faculty Management Board (FMB), upon which it will be presented by the Faculty Dean for the approval of the University Senate.



3. Process of Direct Progression from Bachelor's Degree to PhD

3.1. Criteria for PhD Direct Progression

To be recommended for a Direct Progression from Bachelor's Degree to PhD, applicants must:

- (a) possess a First-Class Honours Bachelor's Degree

