

10.3.3 A postgraduate project/practicum report will be presented by the candidate to either individual examiners or to a panel as may be determined by the particular schools together with:

- a) An appropriate durable record of the project/practicum;
- b) Such documentation as may be appropriate; and

i) A declaration signed by the candidate certifying that the project:

- a) Represents the work of the candidate alone except where due acknowledgement has been made.
- b) Has not been submitted, either in whole or in part, for any other academic award. (Regulation 17.3)
- c) Represents work undertaken during the period of candidature.

10.3.4 Specific information and advice shall be obtained from the Supervisor or the Postgraduate Coordinator of the appropriate school.

11.0 REGULATIONS FOR MASTERS DEGREE PROGRAMMES

11.1 Eligibility for the Master Degree

i) The following shall be eligible to register for the Masters degree:

- a) Holders of at least second class Bachelors degree
- b) Holders of a first degree from an accredited university and recognized by Moi University Senate as equivalent to (a) above.
- c) Holders of a first degree with a 'PASS' shall normally be admitted if they have a postgraduate diploma in the relevant field.

xiv) In addition to producing evidence of eligibility for registration, candidates for the Masters degree shall normally be required to appear for an interview by the various Schools so as to determine their suitability for registration. A written test might also be given, at the discretion of the Department.

xv) Subject to the approval of Senate, Departments, through their respective School Committees, and with the recommendations of BSGS, may formulate regulations requiring applicants to have attained certain academic or equivalent qualifications, which are consistent with the goals of their Masters programmes.

11.2 Duration of the Master's Programme

i) The Master's programme in all departments shall consist of coursework, examinations and thesis. The Programmes shall normally run into a period of two years distributed over four semesters of full time attendance, or a maximum period of four years of part-time attendance from the date of registration. An exception of this shall be the School of Medicine which has Masters degrees running for four years at a full time basis.

ii) All students shall be required to consult their Supervisor(s) at least

once a month based on a schedule to be worked out between the student and the Supervisors.

iii) The **SGSC** shall be satisfied that a candidate has adequate opportunities for consulting his/her Supervisor(s) and that the candidate can obtain access to material relevant to his/her study and research.

11.3 Structure of a Master's Programme

- i) The Master's degree programme in any department shall consist of three (3) semesters of a minimum of six hundred and thirty(630) instructional hours of course work and examination. The thesis which shall normally be at least 20,000 (Twenty thousand) words (with exceptional provision for specific discipline).
- ii) Research shall constitute not less than one third (1/3) of the entire programme structure.

11.4 Conduct of Studies and Supervision

- i) A student registered in accordance with these regulations shall be required to pursue a programme of study and follow supervision by academic members of staff appointed in that capacity by Senate.
- ii) At the beginning of the second semester, each Masters student shall be assigned at least two supervisors by the **DGSC** drawn from among the staff constituting the Graduate Faculty. The supervisors shall advise the student on matters pertaining to the taught courses and the identification of a suitable research area.
- iii) Supervisor(s) for each candidate shall be appointed according to the procedure outlined in section 8.1 of these Rules and Regulations. The **SGSC** shall discuss and make recommendations to Senate through **BSGS** on the suitability of Supervisors and the proposed thesis topics.
- iv) Towards the end of the second semester, each student will be required to submit a research proposal to the **SGSC**. The proposal shall be accompanied by a single spaced, one page Abstract. Both the proposal and its abstract must be duly signed by the student and the proposed Supervisors.
- v) It shall be the duty of the thesis Supervisors to direct and supervise the student's fieldwork and research in so far as it relates to the student's programme of study. In particular a Supervisor shall be required to:
 - a) Maintain regular and effective contact with the assigned candidate.
 - b) Present for discussion to the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, progress report(s) of his/her student(s) at the end of every semester. The Head of the Department shall be present in such meetings.
 - c) Send progress reports, which have been discussed by the **DGSC** to the School Graduate Studies Committee Co-ordinator, through the respective Heads of Department. Such reports shall be copied to the Dean, **SGS** for tabling in **BSGS**.
- vi) The Dean shall present reports indicating the status of all graduate students to **BSGS** through the Dean, School of Graduate Studies.
- vii) Where the progress of a given student is unsatisfactory, resulting in the