

EMERGENCY SENATE REGULATIONS

ER1. The Vice-Chancellor & President, or nominee, may declare a University-wide emergency, which will authorise the implementation of the Emergency Regulations for a specified period of time.

ER2. The Emergency Regulations provide a framework to allow progression and/or award where the performance of the Senate Regulations may be prevented by acts or events which are beyond the University's control.

Assessments

ER3. Where it is not possible to conduct assessments as approved and detailed in the block outlines, alternative assessments may be proposed which will be approved by a process agreed by the Chair of the University Education Committee (UEC).

ER4. As far as possible, revised assessments will follow the normal internal and external review process, but these regulations allow waiving of the requirements for External Examiner approval if the appointed External Examiner(s) cannot provide scrutiny within a reasonable timeframe.

Grading / Marking / Moderation of work

ER5. Where students cannot be assessed in the prescribed format, the method of assessment of an assessment/modular block and/or the relative weighting of the assessment components, as set out in the block outline, may be modified by the Board of Examiners.

ER6. Where grading/marking/moderation within the University's model is not possible, a Board of Examiners may, with the approval of the Chair of UEC, use an alternative marking model, which may involve adapting some elements of normal marking processes.

ER7. Where External Examiners are unable to fulfil their responsibilities, the assessment process may continue, with the approval of the Chair of UEC.

Progression

ER8. Where students are unable to be assessed in any format and/or results are unavailable for some or all students, Boards of Examiners may progress students pending assessment and/or ratification, where appropriate, and unless prohibited by a Professional, Statutory and Regulatory Body.

ER9. The Board of Examiners may suspend the normal reassessment limits, where appropriate to do so.

Boards

ER10. Panels and Boards of Examiners may take place virtually. See the [Guidance for Panels and Boards of Examiners](#) in an emergency situation (*please note that this link is not available to anyone external to the University*).

ER11. Where a Panel or Board of Examiners is not quorate, the Vice-Provost & Dean of the College, in consultation with the Chair of the Panel or Board of Examiners and the Chair of UEC, may allow progression, result ratification and/or award ratification.

ER12. Decisions may be made using the information available to Panels and Boards of Examiners at the time; however, decisions may be reviewed if new information is made available at a later date, which was not available at the time the original decision was made.

Research

ER13. Thesis submission deadlines and maximum periods of registration may need to be extended to cover at least the period of the University-wide emergency

ER14. Vivas may take place outside the expected timeframe of three months post-thesis submission, or may be held virtually.

Awards

ER15. Senate Regulations 2, 3 and 5 will continue to apply. Boundaries will not be lowered, and exceptions will not be made.

ER16. In the event that Graduation ceremonies are cancelled and/or postponed, awards will be conferred by the Vice-Chancellor & President (or nominee) acting on behalf of Senate.

Extenuating Circumstances

ER17. During the period of the University-wide emergency, changes may be made to the University's Extenuating Circumstances Procedure, as required. The Procedure, e-Vision task and Guidance documents will be updated accordingly, and changes communicated to students and staff.

Student Casework

ER18. It may be necessary to extend timeframes set out in regulations pertaining to academic appeals, student complaints, academic misconduct, non-academic misconduct, and professional suitability. Where this is the case, students will be provided with revised timescales, and will receive regular updates on their case.

ER19. Panels, Hearings and Committees may take place outside the expected timeframes, or may be held virtually.

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