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| Task | Current Arrangement | New Arrangement | Current Regulation | Comment |
| Award of Degree  Lesser award in Fail outcomes | Faculty Board and Senate  Senate awards degrees in these circumstances | To be actioned by RSO following Examiners’ decision  As above | 12.4  12.9 | In future examination outcomes should be routinely actioned by the RSO. No pass lists will be produced. This will improve award processing times. |
| Waiver of Attendance at Research degree vivas | VC on recommendation of ADR Faculty, with advice of SR | DGS with advice of SR | 11.2 |  |
| Academic Misconduct  Prior to Submission of a research degree.  Post Submission of a  Research degree  Academic Misconduct Committee | Instances of alleged misconduct are reported to the Head of Department who investigates alongside the Academic Registrar and who can either determine and apply a penalty or refer the case to the Academic Misconduct Committee.  If a student appeals the appeal is heard by the Dean of another Faculty  Cases of alleged misconduct after submission of a research degree are referred to the ADR of the Faculty and the Academic Registrar for investigation. If there is considered to be a case to answer then the matter will be referred to the Academic Misconduct Committee  Currently chaired by the PVCR or an ADR from the Faculty other than the candidate’s own. Includes 3 members of Senate who are outside the candidate’s own School | Instances of alleged misconduct to be investigated by the ADR of the School alongside the Academic Registrar or nominee. The ADR should determine and either dismiss or apply a penalty or refer to the Academic Misconduct Committee.  If a student appeals at this stage the appeal shall be heard by The Appeal Committee.  Cases of alleged misconduct after submission of a research degree should be referred  to the Academic Misconduct Committee.  To be chaired by the Dean of the Graduate School, PVCR, or ADR of a School other than the candidate’s.  Other membership to include 3 ADRs or members of Senate from outside the candidate’s own School plus a member from LSU Executive. No one previously involved in the case to be involved. |  |  |
| Appeals | Appeals panel is currently chaired by a PVC, Dean or ADR and includes 3 members of the academic staff including one Professor and at least one member of Senate | To be chaired by the Dean of the Graduate School, PVCR or ADR from a School other than the one an appellant is registered in plus 1 ADR and 1 member of Senate from a School other than the appellant’s own. |  | To hear appeals against termination of studies, research degree fail outcomes and penalties imposed by the Academic Misconduct Committee or the ADR. |
| Higher Doctorates | Currently considered by a Committee appointed for the purpose which included a member from each Faculty. | Research Committee has already approved in principle an arrangement whereby the PVCR will consider applications and reports taking advice from the appropriate Dean of School. |  | The absence of an appeal mechanism has been investigated in consultation with other Universities, no action is proposed. The grounds on which an appeal could be based in the absence of supervision and a viva.  Appeals against academic judgement would not be permitted. Concerns about process could be dealt with via the complaints procedure |