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Dear Chairman

EXTERNAL EXAMINERS FOR CANDIDATES REGISTERED UNDER THE SCHEMES
FOR PUBLIC RESEARCH INSTITUTES AND INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES

Section 1.3.1. of the General Instructions for Appointment of Examiners and for Conduct of Examinations for PhD for Internal Students states:

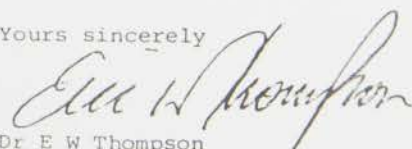
For each candidate Boards of Studies shall normally appoint three persons to act as examiners jointly who must include:

- (i) An expert in the field of the candidate's research who is not the External Supervisor nor a member of the academic staff of the School at which the candidate is registered.
- (ii) An Appointed Teacher in the general field of study who is not a member of the academic staff of the School at which the candidate is registered.
- (iii) A third examiner who may, if the Board so wishes, be either the University or the External Supervisor.

On several occasions recently, Boards of Studies have made application to the Standing Sub-Committee in Science and Engineering for the appointment under Category (ii) above of a Recognised rather than an Appointed Teacher, on the grounds that there was no Appointed Teacher in the University with specific expertise in the field of research concerned.

The Standing Sub-Committee in Science and Engineering has referred these applications back to the Board of Studies and has asked that all Boards be reminded that the Appointed Teacher should be in the general and not necessarily the specific field of study of the candidate. Specific expertise is provided by the appointments in Categories (i) and (iii) above, whereas the primary purpose of the Appointed Teacher is to provide a general input on the standard required for the award of an MPhil or PhD degree of the University of London.

Yours sincerely


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