

EXTRACT FROM THE DOCTORATE REGULATIONS OF THE FACULTY OF COMPUTER SCIENCE FROM 19th DECEMBER, 2012

Art. 6 The Reviewers

(1) For judgement of the doctoral thesis, the Faculty Council appoints at least three reviewers. One of them has to belong to the faculty as a professor. The members of the Otto-von-Guericke University appointed as experts, may deny their agreement to the appointment owing to important reasons only. One of them should not be a member of the Otto-von-Guericke University.

(2) For the assessment may be appointed: professors, assistant professors, university lecturers, associate professors or PhD holders experienced in practical research and teaching.

Art. 7 Review Report

(1) Every reviewer submits a review report on the thesis to the dean of the faculty suggesting its acceptance or rejection. Provided, acceptance is recommended, the thesis will be assessed according to the following scale:

- very good (*magna cum laude*)
- good (*cum laude*)
- satisfactory (*rite*).

A thesis recommended for rejection is to assess with “unsatisfactory” (*non sufficit*). In case of a *magna cum laude*, the reviewer may add the following recommendation to his/her report if a distinction should be considered by the committee: “If the colloquium is accordingly successful, I recommend to assign the overall grade *summa cum laude*”.

(**Remark:** The percentage of the overall grade *summa cum laude* is 10-20%. For this extraordinary grade it is required that at least two reviewers explicitly make the above recommendation in their report.)

(2) Every reviewer prepares this written review report within at most three months recommending the acceptance or rejection of the doctoral thesis. In case, a review report does not arrive in time, the Faculty Council may determine a new reviewer. The reviewing experts are entitled to keep their copy of the thesis to be assessed.

Art. 8 The Doctoral Committee

(1) According to Art. 1, sec. 6, the doctoral committee consists of the reviewers, the chairperson, and one more PhD holder of the faculty.

(2) The chairperson of the doctoral committee has to be a professor of the faculty. She or he must not act as a reviewing expert in the current procedure.

(3) The members of the doctoral committee are obliged to participate in the colloquium as far as they are members of the Magdeburg University. Exceptions are permitted owing to serious reasons only.