Planning and Resource Allocation Committee of Council

Changes in regulations

The Planning and Resource Allocation Committee of Council (PRAC) has made the following changes in regulations.

Maximum fee liability for the DPhil

Explanatory Note

The purpose of this change is to remove an error regarding the date of effect of the change in regulations which removed the provision under which students could count up to six terms’ fees paid during a taught graduate course towards their DPhil fee liability. The original change in regulations, made in 2004–5, makes clear that the new arrangements applied to students commencing any type of graduate study from 1 September: ‘The change in regulations will apply to students commencing graduate study from 1 September 2006. Students who commence a graduate taught programme before 1 September 2006, and progress to DPhil study within a period of continuous study, will remain liable for three years’ graduate fees in total, under previous regulations’ (see: www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2004-5/weekly/050505/exam.htm#1Ref). By error, in 2009, the word ‘research’ was inserted, with the intention of clarifying the date of effect, but regrettably this was inconsistent with the agreed policy (see: www.ox.ac.uk/gazette/2009-10/weekly/011009/exam.htm). The present change reverses the error made in 2009.

Text of Regulations

With immediate effect

In Examination Regulations, 2011, p 1084, ll 29–33, amend as follows (new text underlined, deleted text scored through):

‘The number of composition fees payable under cl 3 above by those working for the degree of D.Phil. shall not exceed nine provided that:

(a) [for candidates admitted to graduate research study before 1 September 2006] candidates for the DPhil may count towards this figure up to six composition fees paid while working for any one of the degrees of MSt, MSc by Coursework, MPhil, MTh, MFA, MJuris, BPhil, or BCL; [for candidates admitted from 1 September 2006 onwards] candidates for the DPhil may count towards this figure up to three composition fees paid while working for the degree of MPhil, MSt in Legal Research, or BPhil;’