Planning and Resource Allocation and Education Committees

Changes in regulations

Programme and extension fees for programmes of study in Software Engineering and Mathematical Finance

With effect from 1 October 2016

Explanatory note
The following change, made on the recommendation of the MPLS Division and with the concurrence of Education Committee and PRAC, provides for an extension fee of £100 per term to be charged to students in the Software Engineering Programme who continue to receive tuition or supervision after paying the maximum number of annual registration fees applicable to their course. It also provides for an annual uplift of 3% p.a. to the existing termly extension fee payable for the MSc in Mathematical Finance, to £550 in 2016/17 and £570 in 2017/18. The extension fees are intended to provide a deterrent to unnecessary extension and to reflect ongoing supervision and administrative costs, in respect of these two part-time programmes which have unusual fee structures (one being modular, the other a whole course fee). The termly rate for each programme takes account of the fee levels and market in each case.

The opportunity is taken to revise the ordering and detailed wording of this section of the regulations to make clear the maximum number of annual registration fees payable in each case before extension fees may apply.

New wording is underlined, and deleted wording is struck through.

Text of regulations
In Examination Regulations 2015, p. 1059, delete ll. 13-39 and substitute:

‘(c) The number of termly University fees payable under cl. 4 above by those working for any qualification other than the degree of D.Phil. or D.Eng. shall not exceed six in respect of each qualification, provided that:

(i) Candidates who transfer from the D.Phil. to the M.Litt. or M.Sc. by Research may count up to six University fees paid while working towards the D.Phil. (including fees paid while holding the status Probationer Research Student) towards this figure;

(ii) Candidates receiving tuition or supervision after attempting an examination shall continue to pay University fees for each term in which they receive tuition or supervision;

(iii) Candidates under (iv) and (v) below who receive tuition or supervision after attempting failing an examination or who require an extension of time shall continue to pay University fees for each term in which they receive tuition or supervision, provided that the total number of fees shall not exceed the maximum provided in each case;

(iv) Part-time students for the Degree of Master of Theology shall not pay more than six University fees (at the half rate) while working for Part II of that degree;

(v) Students for the Degree of Master of Science in Evidence-Based Health Care, Experimental Therapeutics, Software and System Security, Software Engineering, Surgical Science and Practice, or Sustainable Urban Development shall pay all applicable module fees and not more than four annual registration fees;

(vi) Part-time students for the MSc in Software Engineering, the MSc in Software and Systems Security, the Postgraduate Diploma in Software Engineering, Postgraduate Diploma in Software and Systems Security, the Postgraduate Certificate in Software Engineering, the
Postgraduate Certificate in Object Technology, and the Postgraduate Certificate in Software and Systems Security shall pay all applicable module fees; students who receive tuition or supervision after attempting an examination shall continue to pay University fees for each term in which they receive tuition or supervision, provided that they shall not pay more than four annual registration fees for the MSc courses, two annual registration fees for the Postgraduate Diploma courses, and one registration fee for the Postgraduate Certificate courses; students requiring an extension of time shall pay a fee of £100 for each term in which they continue to receive tuition or supervision; students requiring an extension of time shall pay a fee of £100 for each term in which they continue to receive tuition or supervision.

(vii) Part-time students for the MSc in Mathematical Finance shall pay not more than two tuition fees covering seven terms of study, payable at the start of the first and second years of the course respectively; students requiring an extension of time shall pay a fee of £530 [with effect from 1 October 2017: £570] for each term in which they continue to receive tuition or supervision.