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Introduction

This is a proposal for the postgraduate research student conference that will be held in July 2002.

It is the formal policy of the College STE that every postgraduate research student must give a formal presentation to report his/her research progress regularly. Exemptions for students will *only* be granted if they have submitted their theses prior to the conference.

Conference mode

The conference will consist of three stages:

Presentation

Each student will give a **20 minutes** presentation *plus 5-10 minutes* for questions. Most presentations will concentrate on the work done during the preceding semester, but should also take some time to explain where this fits into the overall thesis.

New students will outline plans for research (thesis proposal), while those near finishing can use this opportunity to display a command of their research topic.

Full-time students must give such presentations in *each semester*, while part-time students need to give their presentations *once a year*, but they are strongly recommended to attend both conferences each year.

Supervisors should help students to practice their presentations prior to the conference so that students' presentations can fit into the expected time constraint.

Supervisors must attend their students' presentations.

Interview

After the presentation, each student will have an interview with a panel that *does not contain* the student's principal and associate supervisors.

In the interview, each student will discuss his/her talk, the year's (semester's) progress and any problems with resource or supervision. Students can use this opportunity to raise any difficulties and concerns with their supervisors and such information will remain confidential for the students.

Research Exchange

A parallel session of research exchange will be held with the interview session.

Besides giving a formal presentation, each student is also expected to prepare a 6-page poster for Research Exchange session. The purpose of this session is to give a maximal chance for students to exchange their research experiences and ideas from different areas.

Scheduling

The conference is scheduled as follows:

29 July 2002 (Monday)

0900-1030	1030-1100	1100-1230	1230-1330	1330-1530
Presentations	Morning tea	Presentations	Lunchtime	Interview/ Research Exchange

30 July 2002 (Tuesday)

0900-1030	1030-1100	1100-1230	1230-1330	1330-1530
Presentations	Morning tea	Presentations	Lunchtime	Interview/ Research Exchange

Conference venue

The conference will be held in Penrith campus this semester.

Room: tba

Important date

1 July 2002 (Monday)

Each student should email Dr Yan Zhang his/her presentation topic and abstract (200 words) by 5pm on 1 July 2002 (in pure text format – this will be easier for editing).

26 July 2002 (Friday)

All students should set up their presentation posters at the conference site by 5pm on 26 July 2002.

29-30 July 2002

The School Postgraduate Research Student Conference.

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