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FROM: DIRECTOR, GRADUATE SCHOOL

DATE: April 23, 2026

TO: DEANS/DIRECTORS

REF: GS/

RE: SIZE OF POSTGRADUATE THESIS

During the CUE Regular Institution Audit conducted from 29th September to 2nd October 2025, the Graduate School received a concern about the size of the postgraduate thesis being inconsistent with University standards.

This is to request that you update your postgraduate students on the CUE Guidelines (PROG/STD/02) that state as follows on the size of the thesis:

PROG/STD/02 - Each level of academic programme shall be differentiated by specific attributes. Higher levels of academic programmes shall require more complex attributes according to Bloom's Taxonomy.

3) Master's degree programmes

e) The length of the thesis/dissertation of a master's degree programme shall normally be at least 20,000 words.

4) Doctoral degree programmes

f) The length of the thesis/dissertation of a doctoral programme shall normally be at least 50,000 words;

In light of the above, kindly ensure that the above recommendation is met before theses' are submitted for examination to the Graduate School.

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DIRECTOR, GRADUATE SCHOOL

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