Special regulations concerning the doctoral regulations of Faculty NT in the context of the Corona Pandemic for the period of the restricted functional operation of Saarland University

Period of validity
16 September 2020 - 31 March 2021

The Dean of the Faculty of Natural Sciences and Technology (Faculty NT) issues the following special supplements to the doctoral regulations of the Faculties of Natural Sciences and Technology of 13 November 2013:

to § 8 Assessment of the dissertation – inspection
(1) The submission of the dissertations and the reports in accordance with Paragraph 8 can be carried out in electronic form, for example via SharePoint in MS teams. The confirmation of the inspection by signature is replaced by e-mail confirmation.

to § 10 Oral defence
(1) Oral examinations are usually held as video conferences (via MS teams) or in so-called "hybrid form", i.e. face-to-face examinations with the presence of (parts of) the examination board and the doctoral candidate and public access via MS teams. The responsible chairperson of examination board may allow further participants to be present.
(2) In the case of hybrid oral examinations, the general rules and regulations of Saarland University concerning the organisation of examinations as well as the rules and regulations of the chairperson of the doctoral committee regarding the announcement and implementation of examinations must be followed.
In principle, only the doctoral candidate and other persons who have registered in advance with the chairperson of the examination board on this date may take physically part in the examination. The responsibility for implementing sentences 1 and 2 lies with the chairperson of the examination board.

Extension
The validity of these special regulations can be extended with the agreement of the Faculty Board for the period of restricted functional operation or for a renewed crisis mode.

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