in Master's and Doctoral Theses The Office of Research Integrity (ORI) received a case. Within 10 working days of receiving the case, the ORI requests the Research Integrity Committee (RIC) to convene a meeting for formal requirements review. One Month The ORI notifies both the No. The formal requirements complainant and the respondent review confirms whether the case is established or not of the review result in writing. Yes. Case The Office of Academic Affairs (OAA) forwards the case to the closed respondent's college for substantive investigation. The college establishes an investigation team of 5 to 7 members within 10 working days of receiving the case from the OAA. The investigation team submits an The investigation team sends a investigation report to the RIC for Suspected. No. Having written notification to the review within five working days of Solid respondent, notifying them that they the report's completion. Proof? shall submit a written defense within Refer the case to an external review 20 days of receipt. Yes. committee that consists of at least 3 external Still impartial scholars and experts (external suspected. review committee members) in the relevant professional field for additional review. Note: In cases involving serious If necessary. violations or potential degree Ten Weeks The investigation team compiles an revocation, the investigation team The investigation team may include the may also investigate the responsibility investigation report with findings, external reviewers' opinions in a written of the respondent's thesis advisor and recommended actions, and justifications, and notification to the respondent, requesting then include the findings in the submits it to the RIC for review within five a written explanation within two weeks investigation report submitted to the working days of the report's completion. of receipt. RIC for reference. The RIC shall notify the respondent prior to the review. The respondent may submit a Note: If the investigation team has statement of objections to the findings listed determined no violation occurred, the respondent is not required to in the investigation report and present their attend the RIC's review meeting. explanation in person or via video conference when the review takes place. Not Send the review report and the meeting minutes to the ORI for reference. Within established. The RIC may one week of the review's completion, the The RIC's review request that the ORI shall formally request the OAA to results investigation team notify the complainant, the respondent, conduct additional and the investigation team. investigations. Established. Case Send the review report and the meeting minutes to Note: The department or graduate closed institute must complete the "Checklist the ORI for reference. Within one week of the One Mon review's completion, the ORI shall formally request for Reviewing Students' Degree Theses Note: If the respondent disagrees with the review the OAA to notify the complainant, the respondent, at Junior Colleges and Above results, they may submit a written appeal to the RIC Involving Circumstances under Article the investigation team, and the enforcement unit. within thirty days of receiving the notification, 17 of the Degree Conferral Act" and outlining specific facts. The appeal can be filed only submit it to the OAA, which will then once. The RIC shall review its original resolution submit it to the MOE for verification. h within two months from the next day of receiving The RIC may impose one or multiple penalties, the appeal and then notify the OAA of the receipt. If to be enforced by the OAA or the relevant necessary, the review period may be extended by up department or graduate institute per regulations. to one month, and notice of the extension shall be provided to the respondent. After the RIC completes the review filed by the respondent, the Case ORI will notify the respondent of the appeal decision in writing and inform the OAA of the closed. decision within ten days of the review. If the respondent still disagrees with the appeal decision, they may file a petition with

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the MOE per the Administrative Appeal Act.