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**Issue**

This paper summarises the work of the 15 May 2014 and 13 June 2014 meetings of the Postgraduate Research Executive. As per a Senate decision of 6 November 2013, the Postgraduate Research Executive now has delegated authority from LTC to make decisions affecting postgraduate research programmes. It is chaired by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor for Research, Enterprise and Engagement and serviced by the Postgraduate Research Service.

**Recommendation**

No recommendations in this paper. Papers requiring Senate approval went round the previous LTC meeting. A paper detailing the draft Research Degree Education Strategy and timeline is under separate cover.

**Resource Implications**

Resource implications have been considered for each of the items by the Postgraduate Research Executive.

**Risk Implications**

Risk implications have been considered for each of the items by the Postgraduate Research Executive.

**Equality and Diversity**

No specific issues.

**Timing of decisions**

No decisions required in this paper.

**Further Information**

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**Areas discussed by the Postgraduate Research Executive at the 15 May and 13 June 2014 meetings**

15 May 2014	Viva assessment review and revised Instructions to Examiners Probationary periods for research degree students Doctoral training strategy Doctoral training bid update Submission rates and management information Changes affecting research degree students (HUM and FMH) PRES – Faculty action plans Process improvement schedule Scope of review of e-thesis policy Updates to research degree regulations
13 June 2014	Admissions update for 2014/15 entry PGR Recruitment Strategy Working Group update Admissions process and policy framework for 2014/15 Learning & teaching strategy (PGR) – UEA Research Degree Education Strategy School of Music update Athena SWAN submissions – PGR data Update on Norwich Bioscience Institutes PGR governance UUEAS/GSA representation and responsibilities Scope of review of external examiners’ fees and employment status Process improvement schedule UCS annual report of PGR experience