Memo (translated, original: http://www.ntnu.no/documents/10334/11942912/IME_brev+PhD-forskrift.pdf)

To: Departments, Supervisors and PhD-candidates at IME

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From: Vice-Dean of Research

Signature: BEH

The implementation of new PhD regulations at NTNU

In connection with the implementation of new PhD regulations at NTNU from 1 August 2012, is part of the Regulations made applicable from 1 April 2012. The following provisions are applicable: the requirement of B or better is expired for PhD-courses and the provisions of § 15, which deal with the evaluation committee's work and the right to make minor reworking of the dissertation.

The PhD regulations for NTNU and Rector's comments on the regulations are available on the faculty website: http://www.ntnu.no/ime/forskning/loverogregler (in Norwegian).

The Faculty makes special note of the following conditions that will apply from 1 April 2012:

Grading

The new PhD regulation at NTNU has removed the requirement for a grade B or better for a passing grade of courses at the doctoral level in the training section. Requirement of B or better is continue for master courses included in the training component (up to 10 credits). This means that all grades from A to E are considered passed. E should be considered as a real acceptable level of learning objectives.

The practice at the university that the rule changes that work for the benefit of students / candidates be given retroactive effect. This means that candidates already in the PhD programs will benefit from this. In practice this means that candidates, who have passed the doctoral courses with lower grades than B, can not be required to sit a new examination or to replace the subject with another. They can make a voluntary repeat if they wish.

Evaluation committee

The provisions of § 15, which deals with the evaluation committee's work and the right to make minor alterations to the thesis, should apply to candidates who delivers from 1 April 2012.

It is desirable that this option be used only when such revision is necessary for the dissertation will be found worthy of being defended.