

- once a month based on a schedule to be worked out between the student and the Supervisors.
- iii) The **SGSC** shall be satisfied that a candidate has adequate opportunities for consulting his/her Supervisor(s) and that the candidate can obtain access to material relevant to his/her study and research.

### 11.3 Structure of a Master's Programme

- i) The Master's degree programme in any department shall consist of three (3) semesters of a minimum of six hundred and thirty(630) instructional hours of course work and examination. The thesis which shall normally be at least 20,000 (Twenty thousand) words (with exceptional provision for specific discipline).
- ii) Research shall constitute not less than one third (1/3) of the entire programme structure.

### 11.4 Conduct of Studies and Supervision

- i) A student registered in accordance with these regulations shall be required to pursue a programme of study and follow supervision by academic members of staff appointed in that capacity by Senate.
- ii) At the beginning of the second semester, each Masters student shall be assigned at least two supervisors by the **DGSC** drawn from among the staff constituting the Graduate Faculty. The supervisors shall advise the student on matters pertaining to the taught courses and the identification of a suitable research area.
- iii) Supervisor(s) for each candidate shall be appointed according to the procedure outlined in section 8.1 of these Rules and Regulations. The **SGSC** shall discuss and make recommendations to Senate through **BSGS** on the suitability of Supervisors and the proposed thesis topics.
- iv) Towards the end of the second semester, each student will be required to submit a research proposal to the **SGSC**. The proposal shall be accompanied by a single spaced, one page Abstract. Both the proposal and its abstract must be duly signed by the student and the proposed Supervisors.
- v) It shall be the duty of the thesis Supervisors to direct and supervise the student's fieldwork and research in so far as it relates to the student's programme of study. In particular a Supervisor shall be required to:
- Maintain regular and effective contact with the assigned candidate.
  - Present for discussion to the Departmental Graduate Studies Committee, progress report(s) of his/her student(s) at the end of every semester. The Head of the Department shall be present in such meetings.
  - Send progress reports, which have been discussed by the **DGSC** to the School Graduate Studies Committee Co-ordinator, through the respective Heads of Department. Such reports shall be copied to the Dean, **SGS** for tabling in **BSGS**.
- vi) The Dean shall present reports indicating the status of all graduate students to **BSGS** through the Dean, School of Graduate Studies.
- vii) Where the progress of a given student is unsatisfactory, resulting in the