

To PhD utvalg & MatNat Faculty, UiO

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## Application for changes to PhD procedures

In the past 15 years, I have had quite a few PhD students successfully defending their theses. In addition, I served as administrator approximately once a year (or more). During these years, I experienced good communication with the administration. However, the procedures themselves are not optimal in at least two aspects (submission procedure and trial lecture), and I hope that at least the submission procedure can be revised, saving us all time and nerves:

I suggest to leave out the PhD thesis from the package of documents to be submitted to the faculty. The thesis will anyway be evaluated by the committee, and noone else. If all other documents are handed in beforehand, the process could start immediately when the thesis is delivered. This will speed up the process significantly and relieve some of the stress, for both candidates and supervisors. It would be especially beneficial close to the summer holiday period. – An alternative procedure could be to allow submission of the application for the PhD evaluation committee before delivery of the other documents. This would not be ideal, but would already help a bit with the planning.

I would be happy to discuss these suggestions with you.

Sincerely yours,



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