Regulations for cumulative Dissertations/Habilitations

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The faculty council of faculty IV issues this Bulletin for Dissertations/Habilitations for the
Doctoral Regulations of Technische Universität Berlin of 23 October 2006 (AMBl. TU 2008,
24ff) and for the Habilitation Regulations of Faculty IV Electrical Engineering and Computer

The following, specifying regulations apply for cumulative dissertations/habilitations:

a) A cumulative dissertation/habilitation may include parts written by a co-author. The
candidate must clearly mark which parts are his/her own and which are that of the co-author.
Here, just stating the percentage is not sufficient.

b) The thesis must contain all relevant texts and data, if necessary as attachments.

c) Consistent conception/naming and notation: the candidate has to explicitly point out and
discuss discrepancies in concept formation and notations in his/her contributions.

d) The candidate must summarize the publications in a way that shows a thread/central theme
from the order of the contributions and the surrounding texts.

e) Related research topics: the thesis topic must be placed in the context of its research area in
detail.

f) Guidelines for the structure of a cumulative dissertation/habilitation:

After one or several introducing chapters each publication is treated in a separate chapter.
Each of these chapters starts with a bridge from the previous chapter to the publication
introduced in the new chapter, followed by the publication itself.

Publications which are already published have to be printed in the layout of their original
source (usually in the form of an offprint), thus being clearly distinguishable from the rest of
the text. Publications accepted for publication, but not yet printed have to be presented in a
layout clearly different from the normal layout. Each part of the text must be clearly
 identifiable in terms of whether it is part of the cumulative dissertation/habilitation or of an
inserted publication. The last part of the thesis contains further reflections.

g) Language of the cumulative dissertation/habilitation: the cumulative
dissertation/habilitation must be written in one language. If e.g. the publications it is based on
are written in English, further text has to be in English as well.

h) Evaluation of the original/underlying publications: The reviewers of the thesis evaluate the
quality of the underlying publications. They must not in any way be part of a preceding peer
review process.

i) Copyright: the legal copyright regulations have to be kept.