

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday 11 June 2003

2.00-4.00 p.m. in AG01

PRESENT:

J Appleby
D Beirne
D Brabazon
J Bruton
F Buckley
E Buffet
A Burke
J Burzlaff
J Carroll
E Cassidy
E Cunningham
E Doyle
J Doyle
R Elgie
O Finlayson
B Flood
L Gallagher

M Gannon
S Hashmi
P James
B Kehoe
B Kelly
E Kennedy
M Kirrane
B Leavy
L Mac Mathúna
A Maillot
T McCarthy
L McDermott
G McGuinness
B McMullin
M Molony
J Morris
A Morrissey

N O'Connor
C Ó hÓgartaigh
R O'Kennedy
A Pratt
B Quilty
T Ryan
S Saunders
R Scaife
A Scott
P Sheehan
M Shields
M Shine Thompson
A Smeaton
F von Prondzynski (Chairman)
P Walsh
A Wickham

APOLOGIES:

F Blin
P Burke
T Carey
M Clynes
B Corcoran
I Coyne
R Forster
J Horgan
C Kenny
J Kerrane
L Looney

M Mac Conmara
K MacKeogh
P MacNeela
T Madigan
C McDonagh
P McGee
E McGlynn
K Monks
M Moriarty
C Murphy

S Ní Mhaolrúnaigh
C Nic Pháidín
M Roantree
H Ruskin
A Sinnott
T Szecsi
B Trench
R Verbruggen
J Williams
A D Wood

OBSERVER:

G Barry

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the inclusion of two additional submissions under Item 7.

2. Minutes of the meeting of Academic Council of 9 April 2003

The minutes were confirmed, subject to the inclusion of Professor A Scott's name in the list of those in attendance, and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of Academic Council

All matters arising were noted.

4. Minutes of meetings of Academic Council Standing Committee**4.1 Minutes 3 April 2003**

Noted and approved.

4.2 Minutes 1 May 2003

Noted and approved subject to the revision (in Item 9) of the final sentence of the *Revised proposal for a standard practice on amendments to examination results (post Progression and Awards Boards)*. The sentence now reads:

Follow-up correspondence should be conducted between the student(s) and the Programme Chair.

4.3 Minutes 5 June 2003

Noted and approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of Standing Committee

All matters arising were noted.

6. Validation recommendations:**6.1 Master of Law through Research (LLM)**

Approved.

6.2 Masters in Healthcare Law and Bioethics

Approved.

6.3 Graduate Diploma/MSc in Cancer Prevention in Primary Care

Approved.

6.4 MA in Social Justice and Public Policy

Approved.

Agreed that a means of confirming the independence of members of accreditation boards was needed, and that therefore the guidelines for programme proposers would be amended to include a reference to this and a mechanism for allowing proposers to provide written confirmation of members' independence would be devised and implemented.

7. Accreditation recommendations**7.1 MSc in Electronic Commerce (Corporate)**

Approved subject to the inclusion of a reference in the first paragraph of Section 5 to the fact that Dr M Fahy of NUI Galway also supported the proposed programme.

7.2 BA in Economics, Politics and Law and BA in International Relations

Approved. Noted that consideration should, in future, be given to conducting separate accreditation processes where two different programmes were being proposed simultaneously by a School.

7.3 Bachelor of Business Studies (Corporate)

Approved.

7.4 MSc in Bioinformatics

Approved.

7.5 MSc in Science Education.

Approved.

The Interim Registrar thanked all those who had acted as chairpersons and rapporteurs at the recent accreditation board meetings and noted that it was intended that a less pressurised timetable would apply to such meetings in 2003-04.

8. Academic Calendar 2003/2004

Approved.

9. Amendments to *Marks and Standards*

Agreed that considerable further work needed to be done in relation to this issue. Agreed that a revised *Marks and Standards* document would be agreed by the early summer of 2004 so as to allow sufficient time to communicate it to students.

Agreed that the Registry would circulate, in time for the Progression and Awards Boards beginning on 17 June, a summary of regulations and procedures relating to the conduct of Boards.

10. Academic Council Statute

Agreed that the decision on the statute would be deferred until 2004, when the current structural reforms would be complete.

11. Requests for posthumous awards

The request in respect of the student who had died while completing the final year of the BA in Communication Studies was approved.

The decision on the request in respect of the late postgraduate student from SALIS was deferred pending discussion between the Chairman and the proposer.

12. Honorary degrees committee: report

The framework for honorary degrees, and the membership of the committee, were noted

13. Any other business

None.

Date of next meeting:

<p>Friday 27 June 2003 2.00 p.m. in AG01</p>

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____