ACADEMIC COUNCIL - STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, 2 March 2000

at 9:00 am in Executive Meeting Room

PRESENT: Prof J Carroll (Chairperson), Mr S Darby, Mr J Dowling, Mr J Kerrane, Dr C Long, Dr L MacMathúna, Dr B McMullin, Dr K Monks, Prof R O'Kennedy, Dr T Ryan.

APOLOGIES: Dr A N Glynn, Mr B Kehoe. Dr J Murray.

1. **ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

   (ref. AC-SC2000/M2/1)

   The agenda was adopted without amendment.

2. **MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 FEBRUARY 2000**

   (ref. AC-SC2000/M2/2)

   The minutes of the meeting of 3 February 2000 were adopted and signed by the Chairperson, subject to the inclusion in of alternative arrangements for the year abroad 7.1 and 7.2.

3. **MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

   (ref. AC-SC2000/M2/3)

   3.1 **FACULTY/COMMITTEE/PROGRAMME BOARD MINUTES**

   (ref. AC-SC2000/M1/4)

   The Chairpersons of the relevant Programme Boards have been advised of the decisions of Standing Committee of Academic Council in respect of the specific issues raised in the minutes for consideration.

   3.2 **APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINERS**

   (ref. AC-SC2000/M1/5)

   The Registrar reported that invitations had been issued to the various External Examiners recommended for appointment for Research Degrees and for Taught Programmes.

   3.3 **APPOINTMENT OF INTERNAL & EXTERNAL EXAMINERS**

   (ref. AC-SC99/M7/8 & AC-SC99/M8/8)

   - Members of Standing Committee were requested to submit their views to the Registrar on his draft guidelines relating to internal examiners, the independent Chairperson and potential conflicts of interest in the appointment of External Examiners.

   - With the assistance and cooperation of the Registrar and other members, Professor Brian MacCraith will introduce proposals for the establishment of a Graduate Studies Office for the University.

- The views of the members of Standing Committee were requested in bringing forward proposals for more realistic fee remuneration levels for the various categories of external examiners.

3.4 MSc IN THE MANAGEMENT & APPLICATIONS OF IT IN ACCOUNTING

(ref. AC-SC99/9/7 & AC-SC2000/M1/9.1)

Standing Committee referred back to the Course Team its proposal for a re-admission policy to the programme in respect of students who have successfully completed some or all of the taught component of the programme and received either of the exit awards of Graduate Certificate or Graduate Diploma, with a request to clarify its intentions for the Graduate Certificate (where the content has not been substantially changed over time) and to re-consider its rationale both for the upper limit of 2 years as well as for the restriction of the application of the proposed regulation to exceptional circumstances only.

3.5 ENTRY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE BEng MEBS PROGRAMME

(ref. AC-SC99/9/8.1 & AC-SC2000/M1/6

Standing Committee recommended that the new programme/award structure proposal should be submitted to validation and accreditation for more detailed consideration and formal approval.

3.6 PROPOSED `INTERNATIONAL' AWARD TITLES FOR ST PATRICK'S COLLEGE

(ref. AC-SC2000/1/7)

Standing Committee <u>approved</u> a proposal from St Patrick's College for two new degree programmes, namely the ``BA in Humanities (International)'' and the ``BEd (International)'' whose content will be the same as that for the existing BA in Humanities and BEd programmes respectively but augmented by an additional year of study in an approved university institution abroad, in each case, or by a year spent as a Language Assistant at Primary or Junior Secondary level, either in France under the Franco-Irish Cultural Agreement, or in France or another participating European country under the LINGUA/SOCRATES scheme.

3.7 REVISED ACCREDITATION BOARD: BNS IN NEPHROLOGY NURSING

(ref. AC-SC2000/1/8)

Standing Committee approved the appointment of the following additional members to the Accreditation Board:

Accreditation Board Member	Institution/Affiliation
Dr Con Cronin	Consultant Physician, Regional Hospital Limerick
Ms Anne Michael	Queen's University of Belfast
Ms Krystine Turner	University of Manchester

3.8 REVISED STRUCTURE FOR MSc IN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS

Standing Committee <u>approved</u> a proposal from the Chairperson of the Graduate Diploma/MSc in Computer Applications Programme Board for an external review of the recently re-structured programme by three independent experts (who would not be expected to visit the campus as part of the review exercise), one of whom will be a currently serving external examiner for the programme, namely:

External Programme Review Member	Institution/Affiliation
Professor Terry Anderson	School of Computing & Mathematical Sciences
	University of Ulster at Jordanstown
Professor Jane Grimson	Department of Computer Science
	Trinity College Dublin
Professor Tony Cahill	Computer Science & Information Systems
	University of Limerick

4. **FACULTY/COMMITTEE/PROGRAMME BOARD MINUTES**

(ref. AC-SC2000/M2/4)

4.1 Programme Board: Graduate Programme, Management of Operations, 16/09/99

The Chairperson was requested to seek clarification from the Academic Coordinator of the Course Team regarding the proposed arrangements for students ``carrying modules from year 1 to year 2'' and whether a distinction was being drawn between modules and examinations in that section of the minutes.

4.2 Course Team: Bachelor of Nursing Studies (NDEC), 24/09/99

Noted.

4.3 Programme Board: Graduate Programme, Management & Applications of Information Technology in Accounting, 30/09/99

Prior to recommending approval to Academic Council for an aegrotat award of Graduate Certificate, the Course Team will be requested to furnish further details on the background to and basis for the request.

4.4 Programme Board: BSc in Computer Applications, 03/11/99

Noted.

4.5 Programme Board: MA in International Relations, 29/11/99

Noted.

4.6 Programme Board: MSc in Computer Applications, 10/12/99

Noted.

4.7 Programme Board: BA in Humanities, 06/01/00

Standing Committee noted the Course Team's recommendations for exemptions and deferrals in respect of non-specific Foundation Modules as well as in named History, Literature, Philosophy, Psychology and Sociology modules. However, the Course Team will be advised that approval for four of the sixty applications sought for exemptions will be subject to the provision of valid student ID numbers.

4.8 Programme Board: MSc in Computer Applications for Education, 11/01/00

Noted.

4.9 Programme Board: MSc in Computer Applications, 26/01/00

<u>Noted</u>.

4.10   Programme Board: Joint BSc in Computer Applications, 14/02/00

<u>Noted</u>.

ACTION: **REGISTRAR**

5.   **APPOINTMENT OF EXAMINERS: POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH STUDENTS**

(ref. AC-SC2000/M2/5)

Standing Committee <u>approved</u> the underlisted nominations for appointment as external examiners for the indicated postgraduate research students:

5.1   Dr D Cox, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland

Student No. 98971093, MSc, School of Biotechnology

5.2   Dr J O'Mullane, Cork University Hospital

Student No. 98971107, MSc, School of Biotechnology

5.3   Dr D Reen, Our Lady's Hospital for Sick Children

Student No. 98971085, MSc, School of Biotechnology

5.4   Dr A W Bunch, University of Kent

Student No. 96970341, PhD, School of Biotechnology (NCTCC)

5.5   Dr M J Gibney, Trinity Centre for Health Sciences

Student No. 96970987, PhD, School of Biotechnology

5.6   Professor L DeCola, University of Amsterdam

Student No. 97970670, MSc, School of Chemical Sciences

5.7   Dr J Stewart, TCD (*as second examiner*)

Student No. 94970564, PhD, DCUBS

5.8   Professor J Monaghan, TCD

Student No. 96971509, MEng, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering

subject to the submission of a summary CV.

5.9   Dr C O'Sullivan, TCD,

Student No. 98971220, MEng, School of Electronic Engineering

subject to the submission of an abstract and clarification from the School of Electronic Engineering on the qualifications of the examiner.

5.10   Professor M Ahmed, University of Teeside

Student No. 96970022, PhD, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering

subject to the submission of a summary CV.

5.11 Dr P Massmann, Euratom DG XII (France)

Student No. 94971111, PhD, School of Physical Sciences

subject to the identification of the Supervisor.

6. **PROPOSED CHANGES TO FURTHER EDUCATION & TRAINING PROGRAMME**

(ref. AC-SC2000/2/6)

- Standing Committee <u>approved</u> a proposal from the Programme Board for changes in award titles as follows:

  Certificate in Further Education & Training to become Certificate in Education & Training

  Diploma in Further Education & Training to become Diploma in Education & Training

- Standing Committee <u>approved</u> a proposal from the Programme Board to replace the Certificate Module ES107: ``Devising a Research Perspective'' with a new module entitled ``Organisational Communications Skills'' for which a module *pro forma* was also submitted.

7. **MARKS & STANDARDS: DIPLOMA IN ARTS/BA IN HUMANITIES**

(ref. AC-SC2000/2/7)

Standing Committee <u>approved</u> the revised (6 January 2000) *Marks & Standards* for the NDEC's Diploma in Arts/BA in Humanities programme with effect from the 2000 academic year and subsequently. It was noted that, as a consequence, the classifications for the Diploma award will change from Pass/Credit/Distinction to Pass/H3/H2.2/H2.1/H1.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

(ref. AC-SC2000/2/8)

There were no items considered under `any other business'.

Date of Next Meeting:

Thursday, 6 April 2000

Signed: Date:

Chairman