

ACADEMIC COUNCIL – STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

THURSDAY, 6 July 2000
AT 9:00 AM IN EXECUTIVE MEETING ROOM

Present: Dr P Barker (Chairperson), Mr J Dowling, Mr L Doyle, Mr J Kerrane, Dr L MacMathúna, Dr J Murray

Apologies: Dr C Long, Mr B Kehoe, Dr K Monks, Dr B McMullin, Dr T Ryan

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of meeting of 1 June 2000

The minutes of the meeting of 1 June were adopted and signed by the Chairperson.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Follow-up actions arising from the minutes per the attached schedule were reported, as were the underwritten:

3.1 Support package for Mature Students

The Chairperson reported that Mike Egan has started work on developing a support package for mature students, having had discussions with Liam MacMathúna, Programme Board Chairs and NDEC staff. It will include the provision of a study skills manual and extra Maths tuition where appropriate.

3.2 Overseas Placements and Support from International Desk

The Chairperson reported that the future of the International desk would be shaped by the new President as part of the strategic planning process.

4. Faculty/Committee/Programme Board Minutes

4.1 Programme Board: BSc in Airgeadais, Ríomhaireacht agus Fiontraíocht, 1/03/00. Standing Committee noted the Board's decision to introduce a Year 3 contribution into the final reckoning of degree year marks, but requires assurance that the AR2 students who voted for the same have formally signed up to its introduction, and will not seek at a later stage to be excluded from the process, like their class mates who voted against it (item 3). Standing Committee also requires clarification on the Languages proposal (item 4)

- 4.2 Programme Board: MSc in Science Education, 22/03/00. Noted.
- 4.3 Programme Board: BA in Applied Languages, 24/05/00. It was noted that new Examination Board Guidelines were introduced by the Chairperson. These should be forwarded to Standing Committee for approval (item 2). It was also noted that the Programme Board's Guidelines on the use of penalties for late submission of projects etc should be submitted to Standing Committee as previously requested, as this is a matter which may require a University wide policy (item 8). It was also noted that the SU Code of Good Practice in Teaching and Learning had not been adopted by the meeting.
- 4.4 Programme Board: Graduate Diploma/MA in Conference Interpreting, 06/06/00. MA proposals discussed at the meeting (item 1), should be forwarded to Standing Committee for approval.
- 4.5 Programme Board: MA in Political Communication, 06/06/00. The question of whether the attendance at this meeting constituted a quorum needs to be clarified
- 4.6 Programme Board: BSc in Sport Science and Health. Noted. Item 2.2 on the provision of self-learn facilities for the development of Language competencies was noted. The chairperson will raise it with the Head of SALIS and Barry Kehoe. The revised programme structure for Years 1 and 2 was noted and approved (item 5). The Programme Board's response on its policy re penalties for late submission of assignments was noted (item 6), as was its adoption of the SU Code of Good Practice in Teaching and Learning.

5 Appointment of external examiners

5.1. Appointment of examiners: taught programmes

The following external examiners were approved:

- 5.1.1. Dr L. Bergin, Gregorian University Rome, Bachelor of Religious Education, Graduate Diploma in Theological Studies.
- 5.1.2. Professor T Browne, TCD, MA in Religion and Culture; Religion and Education
- 5.1.3. Professor J Coolahan, NUI Maynooth, Bachelor of Religious Education
- 5.1.4. Professor R V Comerford, NUI Maynooth, Bachelor of Religious Education.
- 5.1.5. Professor B Cosgrove, NUI Maynooth, Bachelor of Religious Education.
- 5.1.6. Professor S Drudy, UCD, MA in Religion and Culture; Religion and Education.
- 5.1.7. Professor G Gillen, NUI Maynooth, Bachelor of Religious Education; MA in Religion and Culture; Religion and Education.

5.1.8. Dr M Henry, St Patrick's College, Maynooth, MA in Religion and Culture; Religion and Education.

5.1.9. Dr C McCarthy, UCD, Bachelor of Religious Education.

5.1.10. Professor J McEvoy St Patrick's College, Maynooth, Bachelor of Religious Education.

5.1.11. Rev F T Magennis, St Mary's College Belfast, Bachelor of Religious Education, Graduate Diploma/MA in School Chaplaincy/Pastoral Care.

5.1.12. Rev J Sherington, St John's Seminary, Guildford, Bachelor of Religious Education, Graduate Diploma/MA in Healthcare Chaplaincy/

5.2. Appointment of examiners: postgraduate research students

5.2.1. Dr Q Gan, Queen's University
Student no. 94971218, PhD, School of Biotechnology. Approved.

5.2.2. Professor R Whipp, Cardiff University
Student no. 96971771, PhD, DCU Business School. Approved.

5.2.3. Dr S Dormido, UNED, Madrid
Student no. 93701276, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering. Approved.

5.2.4. Professor J Monaghan, TCD
Student no. 9790018, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering. Approved.

5.2.5. Professor N Browne, University of Ulster.
Student no. 95971629, MSc, School of Physical Sciences. Approved.

5.2.6. Mr T Curran, UCD.
Student no. 98970003, MSc, School of Biotechnology. Approved.

5.2.7. Professor I Hart, St Thomas's Hospital, London.
Student no. 96971045, PhD, School of Biotechnology. Approved.

6. Special Case Admissions to MA in International Relations, B Eng in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering and BA in Theology and Philosophy

6.1 MA in International Relations (part-time)

Standing Committee approved a request from the Programme Board to admit two applicants (nos 2 and 5), who do not meet the minimum entry requirements but who are professionals in the broad discipline area and have extensive experience. Both performed very strongly in interviews.

6.2 B. Eng in Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering

Standing Committee approved a request from the Programme Board to admit an applicant, who does not meet the minimum entry requirements, but who successfully completed a semester of study on the University of Ulster's B Eng in Mechanical Engineering.

6.3 BA in Theology and Philosophy

Standing Committee approved a request from the Registrar/Dean of Studies of All Hallows to admit 2 applicants from Colaiste Dhulaigh according to a practice whereby such candidates were admitted to NCEA degree courses if they attained the requisite number of points set by All Hallows, but not necessarily the minimum entry requirements, and completed an interview successfully. Conditional offers had already been made to the students on this basis and they have now acquired the requisite number of points. This is an exceptional case. All Hallows is currently reviewing its admissions policy with a view to bringing it into conformity with CAO practice and procedure.

7. Any other business

There was no other business.

Date of Next Meeting: 7 September 2000

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____