

ACADEMIC COUNCIL – STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday 7 June 2001

9.00-11.00 a.m. in Executive Meeting Room

Present: Professor Patricia Barker (Chairperson), Mr Liam Doyle, Professor Martin Henry, Dr Paraic James, Mr Mícheál Mac Conmara, Dr Liam Mac Mathúna, Ms Louise McDermott (Recording Secretary), Dr Jim Murray, Dr Ronnie Saunders, Mr Paul Sheehan.

Apologies: Professor Conor Long, Dr Seán Marlow, Dr Barry McMullin.

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted, subject to the inclusion of three additional submissions under Item 5 and agreement to discuss Item 7 immediately after Item 3.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 3 May 2001

Confirmed and signed by the Chairperson, subject to the deletion of Mr Paul Sheehan's name from the list of those in attendance (since he had submitted apologies) and the renumbering of *Any Other Business* as Item 7.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Follow-up actions as per the attached schedule were discussed. Following extensive discussion of the draft guidelines for circumstances in which plagiarism is suspected, some changes were proposed, and these will be incorporated into a revised document to be submitted to Academic Council.

4. Faculty/Committee/Programme Board minutes

- 4.1 Programme Board: BA in Communication Studies, 28/02/01. Noted.
The Registrar has requested that the changes proposed in Item 5 be re-examined in the light of the ongoing review of the University's modular programme structure, and will request that the reference to a staff member by name in Item 4 be deleted.
- 4.2 Programme Board: BSc in Analytical Science, BSc in Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, BSc in Chemistry with a Language, MSc in Instrumental Analysis, 07/03/01. Noted.
- 4.3 Programme Board: MSc in Multimedia, 07/03/01. Noted.
- 4.4 Programme Board: BSc in Sport Science and Health, 08/03/01. Noted.
- 4.5 Programme Board: Master of Business Administration (Corporate), 13/03/01. Noted.
- 4.6 Programme Board: BA in Accounting and Finance, 27/03/01. Noted.
- 4.7 Programme Board: BSc in Applied Physics/Physics with a Language, 28/03/01. Noted.
- 4.8 Programme Board: BSc in Science Education, 28/03/01. Noted.
The Chairperson is to be requested to change the reference to 'INTRA' to a reference to 'work experience' in Item 2.2.
- 4.9 Programme Board: BA in Applied Languages, 11/04/01. Noted.
- 4.10 Programme Board: MSc in Science Communication, 11/04/01. Noted.
- 4.11 Programme Board: Professional Diploma in Accounting, 11/04/01. Noted.
- 4.12 Programme Board: Bachelor of Business Studies, 19/04/01. Noted.
- 4.13 Programme Board (Standing Committee): GD/MEng in Electronic Systems, GD/MEng in Telecommunications Engineering, 25/04/01. Noted. Standing Committee minutes were submitted because no meeting of the Programme Board was imminent.
- 4.14 Programme Board: GD/MSc in the Management and Applications of IT in Accounting, 27/04/01. Noted.
- 4.15 Programme Board: GD/MSc in Computer Applications for Education, 15/05/01. Noted. Clarification of the phrase 'cancel out of programme' in Item 4 is to be requested.
- 4.16 Programme Board: Bachelor of Nursing Studies, 06/04/01. Noted.

5. Appointment of external examiners: postgraduate research students

- 5.1 Dr A Walsh, NUI Cork
Student no. 99171701, MA, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies.
Approved.

- 5.2 Professor D Gwilliam, Aberystwyth University
Student no. 96971673, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved.
- 5.3 Professor P Dix, NUI Maynooth
Student no. 96970189, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.4 Dr A Long, Royal College of Surgeons
Student no. 97970123, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.5 Professor T McCarthy, NUI Cork
Student no. 96970774, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.6 Dr G O’Cuinn, Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology
Student no. 97970077, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.7 Dr D Papkovsky, NUI Cork
Student no. 96970553, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.8 Professor V Porter, University of Westminster
Student no. 92701205, PhD, School of Communications
Approved subject to submission of full CV for Professor Porter.
- 5.9 Mr G O’Hare, NUI Dublin
Student no. 98971360, MEng, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 5.10 Dr T Morrow, Queen’s University, Belfast
Student no. 97971138, PhD, School of Physical Sciences/NCPST
Approved.
- 5.11 Professor K Reynolds, University of Surrey
Student no. 97200010, PhD, St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra
Approved.
- 5.12 Professor N Sheehy, Queen’s University, Belfast
Student no. 38000100, PhD, St Patrick’s College, Drumcondra
Approved.
- 5.13 Dr W Campbell, Manchester University
Student no. 95453946, MA, School of Communications
Approved subject to submission of CV for Dr Campbell.
- 5.14 Dr H O’Shea, Cork Institute of Technology
Student no. 99141787, MSc, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.15 Dr T Gunnlaugsson, Trinity College Dublin
Student no. 97970719, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.

- 5.16 Professor R Andeweg, University of Leiden
Student no. 97971235, PhD, Dublin City University Business School
Approved.
- 5.17 Professor G Smith, University of Strathclyde
Student no. 93700288, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved subject to submission of abstract.
- 5.18 Professor Ursula Maier-Rabler, University of Salzburg
Student no. 98970860, MA, School of Communications
Approved subject to submission of abstract.

Following a brief discussion on the desirability or otherwise of a supervisor acting as internal examiner, the Registrar undertook to review the regulations and raise the issue again at the next meeting.

6. Postgraduate research matters

6.1 Applications to transfer to PhD Register

- 6.1.1 Student no. 99145669, School of Communications. Approved.
- 6.1.2 Student no. 94070881, School of Communications. Approved.
- 6.1.3 Student no. 97970476, School of Chemical Sciences. Approved.
- 6.1.4 Student no. 96150823, School of Biotechnology. Approved.

6.2 Re-registration for academic year 2001/2002 – student no. 95971360
(School of Electronic Engineering)
Approved.

6.3 Change in supervisory arrangements – student no. 98971263
(School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies)
Approved.

6.4 Presentation of doctoral thesis in German – student no. 98971263
(School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies)
Approved. Agreed that prospective students would be notified, in relevant publications and on the application form (from the date of the next reprint of these), that any derogations from the regulations must be submitted for approval by Standing Committee at the commencement of research studies.

6.5 Early MSc submission – student no. 99141787
(School of Biotechnology)
Approved.

7. Proposal on the appeals process

The paper submitted by Dr Murray was discussed in detail. Issues raised included whether the administrative advantages of screening appeals might be outweighed by substantive considerations, the importance of having legal advice to hand at all stages of the process, the possible problems arising from requiring a second examiner's opinion in some cases, and the importance of specifying that informal representations to senior University management are never permitted.

Agreed that Dr Murray would prepare a revised proposal, incorporating suggestions made and agreed during the discussion.

8. Proposal from Oscail to restructure GC/GD/MSc in Management and Applications of IT in Accounting

Approved, subject to the examination regulations being amended to allow a maximum of four, not three, attempts. The Registrar has contacted Oscail to request that this change be made.

9. Any other business

A query was raised in relation to the approval by Academic Council on 11 April 2001 of the amendment to Marks and Standards in the matter of compensation regulations (Item 5.2). It was noted that the Registrar had conducted a briefing session for Faculty Administrators to clarify issues arising from this.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 5 July 2001.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____