

ACADEMIC COUNCIL – STANDING COMMITTEE

Thursday 5 July 2001

9.00-11.00 a.m. in Executive Meeting Room

Present: Professor Patricia Barker (Chairman), Professor Martin Henry,
Mr Mícheál Mac Conmara, Ms Louise McDermott (Recording Secretary),
Dr Liam Mac Mathúna, Dr Seán Marlow, Dr Ronnie Saunders.

Apologies: Dr David Jacobson, Professor Conor Long, Dr Jim Murray,
Mr Barry Murphy, Mr Paul Sheehan.

In attendance: Mr Joachim Barnett.

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted, subject to the inclusion of one additional submission under Item 4, four additional submissions under Item 5, three additional submissions under Item 6 and four submissions under Item 8, and the renumbering of Item 5.9 as Item 5.13.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 7 June 2001

Confirmed and signed by the Chairperson.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Follow-up actions from the last meeting were reported.

Agreed that supervisors of research theses should not act as internal examiners; that they would be free to attend *viva voce* examinations but should not speak unless an issue of equity arose which demanded their participation; that an internal colleague with, as a minimum, a broad knowledge of the area of research should be invited to act as internal examiner; that a second external examiner would be required in the case of a candidate who is on the staff and in other exceptional circumstances. A regulation to this effect is to be drawn up.

Noted that the Director of Innovation and Business Relations is to meet with the Chairman to discuss the issue of INTRA candidates 'throwing' interviews.

4. Faculty/Committee/Programme Board minutes

- 4.1 Programme Board: Bachelor of Nursing Studies, 08/06/01. Noted.
- 4.2 Programme Board: GD/MA in Translation Studies, 21/06/01. Noted.
- 4.3 Programme Board: International MBA, 18/06/01. Noted and approved, subject to the following: students who take the option of studying through French will have this fact noted on their transcripts; students who do not take this option will be required to take and pass a French language module to be specified by the Programme Board; the programme is to be readvertised and re-publicised for the 2001 intake, with due reference to the revised entry requirements.

5. Appointment of external examiners

Postgraduate research students

- 5.1 Dr T Sokalski, Abo Academy, Finland
Student no. 96970511, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2 Dr G Walsh, University of Limerick
Student no. 96970197, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.3 Dr T Gunnlaugsson, TCD
Student no. 97970719, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.4 Prof L Hammarström, Uppsala University
Student no. 98970380, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.5 Dr M J Burke, TCD
Student no. 95159631, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 5.6 Dr J Stewart, TCD
Student no. 95162631, MBS, DCU Business School
Approved.
- 5.7 Dr S Markantonatou, Institute for Language and Speech Processing,
Marousi, Greece
Student no. 50180800, MA, School of Applied Language &
Intercultural Studies
Approved.

- 5.8 Mr B Harvey
Student no. 99145219, MSc, School of Communications
Approved subject to confirmation that Mr Harvey holds a Master's degree;
if he does not, an additional external examiner is to be appointed.
- 5.9 Professor P Gunnigle
Student no. 95971483, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved.
- 5.10 Professor A Matthews
Student no. 97970220, PhD, School of Mechanical and
Manufacturing Engineering
Approved.
- 5.11 Professor P McArdle
Student no. 97970646, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.12 Dr P Ennis
Student no. 98970631, MSc, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.

Taught programmes

- 5.13 Professor H Farhat, TCD
BA/MA in Music Performance, Royal Irish Academy of Music
Approved for one year from May 2001.

6. Postgraduate Research Matters

6.1 Applications to transfer to PhD Register

- 6.1.1 Student no. 95668292, School of Computer Applications
Approved.
- 6.1.2 Student no. 99145588, School of Computer Applications
Approved.
- 6.1.3 Student no. 97970158, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.4 Student no. 97971189, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.5 Student no. 98970658, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.6 Student no. 99145782, School of Applied Language & Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 6.1.7 Student no. 50161563, School of Applied Language & Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 6.1.8 Student no. 50161369, School of Applied Language & Intercultural Studies
Approved.

Noted that handwritten PGR forms were often difficult to read. Agreed that Registry would investigate the option of using online forms.

6.2 Extension to period of registration to academic year 2001/02 - student no. 96970197

(School of Biotechnology)

Approved.

6.3 Part-time studies by a student (no. 51161982) resident in Saudi Arabia

(School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering)

Approved subject to a report being submitted to Standing Committee by the supervisor, at the end of the first year of research, to confirm that the student's progress is satisfactory.

6.4 Special-case admission for Peruvian student

(School of Physical Sciences)

Approved.

6.5 Special-case admission/approval for research collaboration

(School of Electronic Engineering)

Approved.

6.6 Admission to Master's Qualifying Programme

(School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering)

Approved.

7. Proposal to change "Common Entry" Engineering title

Agreed that the title of the new common-entry programme in Engineering should change from 'Common Entry to Electronic Engineering' to 'Common Entry for Electronic, Telecommunications and Digital Media Engineering'.

8. Any other business

8.1 Special-case admissions

(MA in International Relations)

Approved.

Agreed that, from now on, all Programme Boards which were permitted to admit special-case students would be requested to report to Standing

Committee at the end of the first (or only) year of study on the progress of these students.

8.2 Proposal on recording of decisions and Freedom of Information Act 1997

(Joachim Barnett, Admissions Officer)

The proposal was noted with interest, and approved subject to the incorporation of several suggestions that were made and to consultation with Chairpersons of Programme Boards and the University's legal advisers.

A revised proposal will be submitted to the October meeting of Standing Committee.

8.3 Proposal on internal and external transfer applications

(Joachim Barnett, Admissions Officer)

The proposal was noted with interest, and approved subject to the incorporation of several suggestions that were made and to consultation with Chairpersons of Programme Boards and the University's legal advisers.

A revised proposal will be submitted to the October meeting of Standing Committee.

8.4 Consideration of NCVA qualifications for admission to Oscail programmes

This issue is to be examined in the report on APEL which the Registry has commissioned.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 6 September 2001.

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____