

ACADEMIC COUNCIL – STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday 3 October 2002

9.00-10.30 a.m. in Executive Meeting Room

- Present:** Professor Patricia Barker (Chairman), Professor David Jacobson, Dr Paraic James, Dr Seán Marlow, Ms Louise McDermott (Recording Secretary), Dr Barry McMullin, Mr Michael Moriarty, Dr Jim Murray, Dr Ronnie Saunders, Mr Paul Sheehan
- Apologies:** Dr Eoin Cassidy, Professor Martin Henry, Mr Mícheál Mac Conmara, Dr Liam Mac Mathúna
- Observer:** Ms Brenda Gaughan

Action

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the deletion of the current Item 7 (which is covered by Item 4.5), the renaming of Item 8 as Item 7 and the inclusion of one submission under the new Item 7.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 5 September 2002

Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Follow-up actions from the last meeting were reported.

3.2 The revised schedule of fees for external examiners is being prepared and will be piloted in the DCU Business School. The results of the pilot will be reported to Standing Committee. (Item 3.2)

- 3.3 Noted that the Registrar, in a memorandum of 19 September 2002, had conveyed Standing Committee's concerns about the impact of budget cuts on academic quality. (Item 4)
- 3.4 The request for direct entry to the Master's register, for an applicant to the School of Education Studies, was approved since full information about the candidate had been provided. (Item 6.3.2)
- 3.5 Meetings have been held by the working group on the proposal to start a pilot scheme, in the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, which would allow for the possibility of a student starting a research Master's degree while concurrently taking Master's qualifying modules. Agreed that, as far as possible, qualifying modules should be taken only in the first semester of study, but that if this was not possible qualifying modules from the second semester of study could be taken provided no modules were then taken in the first semester. The working group are to present a paper to the meeting of Standing Committee of 7 November 2002. (Item 6.3.6) **Brenda Gaughan**
- 3.6 The policy on certification of illness and other extenuating circumstances will shortly be available. (Item 14)
- 3.7 The Registrar reported that a small working group set up by Standing Committee had met, and that proposals relating to structural change to Academic Council, to accommodate the structures approved by Executive, would be circulated to the University community for consultation. Following this consultation process, proposals would be made to Academic Council. (Item 17.3) **Registrar**

4. Faculty/Committee/Programme Board minutes

- 4.1 Programme Board: BSc in Applied Computational Linguistics, 05/04/02. Noted and approved.
- 4.2 Programme Board: BSc in Biotechnology, 26/06/02. Noted and approved.
- 4.3 Programme Board: MBA Corporate, 24/07/02. Noted and approved.
- 4.4 Programme Board: BSc in Applied Computational Linguistics, 09/08/02. Noted and approved. The Programme Chair is to be requested to ensure that Item 1 of the minutes clearly indicates that the marking system referred to is a convention rather than a regulation.
- 4.5 Programme Board: MSc in E-Commerce - Technical, 05/09/02. Noted and approved.
- 4.6 Programme Board: Bachelor of Business Studies, 02/10/02. The urgent request in Item 7 was approved. The remainder of the minutes will be considered by Standing Committee at its meeting of 7 November 2002.

5. Appointment of external examiners

5.1 Taught programmes

5.1.1 Dr C Mac Fhionnlaioich, Michael Smurfit Graduate School of Business, University College Dublin
BSc in Airgeadas, Ríomhaireacht & Fiontraíocht/MSc i nGnó & i dTeicneolaíocht an Eolais, Fiontar
Approved.

5.1.2 Professor K Ryan, University of Limerick
BSc in Airgeadas, Ríomhaireacht & Fiontraíocht/MSc i nGnó & i dTeicneolaíocht an Eolais, Fiontar
Approved.

5.1.3 Ms M Nicholas, NUI Galway
Diploma in Nursing, School of Nursing
Approved.

5.1.4 Professor J Kelly, Trinity College Dublin
Inorganic modules on undergraduate Chemistry programmes, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.

5.1.5 Dr D Dowding, University of Stirling
Modules on Nursing programmes, School of Nursing
Approved.

5.1.6 Professor P Page, Loughborough University and Professor P Worsfold, University of Plymouth (re-appointments)
School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.

5.1.7 Professor H Farhat
BA in Music Performance, Master of Music in Performance, Royal Irish Academy of Music
Approved.

5.2 Postgraduate research students

5.2.1 Dr A W Bunch, University of Kent
Student ref. SC/2002/A8/5.2.1, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved.

5.2.2 Dr K Kavanagh, NUI Maynooth
Student ref. SC/2002/A8/5.2.2, MSc, NCIB and School of Biotechnology
Approved. Noted that, where requests were made in future in relation to a research student working with both NCIB and the School of Biotechnology, the supervisor should be a member of the School rather than of NCIB.

- 5.2.3 Dr H L Kretzenbacher, University of Melbourne
Student ref. SC/2002/A8/5.2.3, PhD, School of Applied Language &
Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 5.2.4 Dr P Duffy, University College Dublin
Student ref. SC/2002/A8/5.2.4, MSc, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.

6. Postgraduate research matters

6.1 Applications to transfer to the PhD Register

- 6.1.1 Student ref. SC/2002/A8/6.1.1, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.2 Student ref. SC/2002/A8/6.1.2, School of Mathematical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.3 Student ref. SC/2002/A8/6.1.3, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.4 Student ref. SC/2002/A8/6.1.4, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.

6.2 Interim supervision arrangements for four research students (School of Chemical Sciences)

Approved.

6.3 Requests for re-registration under write-up status

Approved. Agreed that the 'write-up year' should now be designated the 'completion' period and that the annual progress report form should be amended so as to allow supervisors to indicate, where appropriate, that completion fees only (i.e. write-up fees as currently designated) should apply to the student, and to give the reason for this. The Registrar is to liaise with the Finance Office on this issue. A future meeting of Standing Committee will address the issue of whether or not different fees should apply for full-time and part-time research students. **Registrar**

6.4 Proposed Master's qualifier (School of Computer Applications)

Approved.

7. Any other business

7.1 Request for special-case admission to the MBS in Strategic International Marketing

Approved.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 7 November 2002

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____