ACADEMIC COUNCIL – STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday 5 June 2003

9.00-10.10 a.m. in Executive Meeting Room

Present: Professor Albert Pratt (Chair), Dr Paraic James, Mr Mícheál Mac Conmara, Dr Liam Mac Mathúna, Dr Seán Marlow, Ms Louise McDermott (Recording Secretary), Mr Michael Moriarty, Dr Ronnie Saunders, Mr Paul Sheehan

Apologies: Dr Eoin Cassidy, Professor Martin Henry, Professor David Jacobson, Dr Barry McMullin

Observers: Ms Bróna McGlynn, Ms Vanessa Wade

1.   Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the inclusion of one additional submission under Item 6 (Item 6.6), one additional submission under Item 6.2, and additional detail in relation to one of the candidates for consideration under Item 7.1.

2.   Minutes of the meeting of 5 June 2003

Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3.   Matters arising from the minutes

3.1   Noted that the revised regulations on module exemptions would be considered by Academic Council at its meeting of 11 June 2003. (Item 3.1)

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

3.2   Noted that the proposals on the provision of lecture notes online would be discussed at a future meeting of Standing Committee. (Item 3.4)

3.4 <u>Noted</u> that the Teaching and Learning Committee was discussing the possibility of having consultation days at the beginning of Semester 2, at which feedback on performance in Semester 1 examinations could be given to students, and that proposals on this would be made to a future meeting of Standing Committee. (Item 3.5)

3.5 <u>Noted</u> that the new fees schedule for external examiners had been approved by Executive. (Item 3.9)

3.6 <u>Noted</u> that the Chairperson of the Programme Board for the MA in Film and Television Studies had indicated that the module about which a query had been raised would no longer be offered jointly to postgraduate and undergraduate students. (Item 4.2)

3.7 Since the nominated external examiner would not, by accepting the nomination, exceed the maximum workload permitted in the regulations, the nomination was <u>approved</u>. (Item 5.2.2)

3.8 Since the nominated external examiner would not, by accepting the nomination, exceed the maximum workload permitted in the regulations, the nomination was <u>approved</u>. (Item 5.2.3)

3.9 <u>Noted</u> that a proposal on a standardised procedure for requesting exemption from INTRA in respect of students who had appropriate prior work experience would be brought to the 3 July 2003 meeting of Standing Committee. (Item 7.1)

4.   Faculty/Committee/Programme Board minutes

4.1   Programme Board: BSc/MSc in Multimedia, 05/03/03. <u>Noted</u> and <u>approved</u>.

4.2   Programme Board: BSc in Applied Computational Linguistics, 12/03/03. <u>Noted</u> and <u>approved</u>.

4.3   Programme Board: Certificate in Education and Training, 13/03/03. <u>Noted</u> and <u>approved</u>

4.4   Programme Board: BSc in Education and Training, 13/03/03. <u>Noted</u> and approved.

4.5   Programme Board: MA in Political Communication, 21/03/03. <u>Noted</u> and <u>approved</u>. <u>Agreed</u> that the Programme Chair would be asked to confirm that, from 2003, the programme would run on a part-time basis only.

4.6   Programme Board: BSc in Financial and Actuarial Mathematics, 16/04/03. <u>Noted</u> and <u>approved</u>.

4.7   Programme Board: Graduate Diploma/MA in Translation Studies, 26/03/03. Noted and approved subject to the revision of Item 2.2 to make it clear that the person referred to had been nominated as an external examiner and the deletion of the first sentence of Item 6, which had been included in error. Agreed that it would be suggested to the Programme Chair that the Library training referred to in Item 7.1 might be more beneficial to students if offered before, rather than after, the reading week.

4.8   Programme Board: MBS in Human Resource Strategies, 26/03/03. Noted and approved.

4.9   Programme Board: Graduate Diploma/MA in Intercultural Studies, 19/03/03. Noted and approved.

4.10   Programme Board: Graduate Diploma/MA in Counselling and Integrative Psychotherapy, 07/03/03. Noted and approved.

4.11   Programme Board: Certificate in Equality and Diversity, 26/03/03. Noted and approved.

4.12   Programme Board: MSc in Information Technology, 12/05/03. Noted and approved.

4.13   Programme Board: Bachelor of Nursing Studies, 19/03/03. Noted and approved.

4.14   Programme Board: Graduate Diploma/MSc in Nursing, 12/03/03. Noted and approved.

4.15   Programme Board: BSc in Analytical Science, BSc in Pure and Applied Chemistry/Chemical and Pharmaceutical Sciences, BSc in Chemistry with a Language, Graduate Diploma/MSc in Instrumental Analysis, 26/02/03. Noted and approved.

4.16   Programme Board: Joint Physics programmes, 05/03/03. Noted and approved.

4.17   Programme Board: BSc in Science Education, 26/02/03. Noted and approved.

4.18   Programme Board: BSc in Biotechnology, 12/03/03. Noted and approved.

4.19   Programme Board: BSc in Sport Science and Health, 05/03/03. Noted and approved.

Noted that a number of Programme Boards in the Faculty of Science and Health (those referred to above at Items 4.15 to 4.19 inclusive) had indicated support for the concept of providing systematic feedback to students, at the beginning of Semester 2, on Semester 1 examination performance.

5.   Appointment of external examiners

5.1   Taught programmes

5.1.1   Professor M Chambers, University of Ulster
        School of Nursing (reappointment)
        <u>Approved.</u>
        Professor D Ó h Ógáin, University College Dublin
        School of Communications (reappointment)
        <u>Approved.</u>
5.1.2   Professor T Hartley, University of Leeds
        School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
        <u>Approved.</u>
5.1.3   Professor M Mansfield, University College Cork
        School of Physical Sciences
        <u>Approved.</u>
5.1.4   Revd S Ryan, Ballyfermot Parish
        All Hallows College
        <u>Approved.</u>
5.1.5   Mr R Woodward, University of Ulster
        All Hallows College
        <u>Approved.</u>
5.1.6   Mr D Farrell, University of Central England
        School of Nursing
        <u>Approved.</u>
5.1.7   Dr Carol Ackah, University of Ulster
        DCU Business School (reappointment)
        <u>Approved.</u>
5.1.8   Professor R McIlhagger, University of Ulster
        BEng in Computer-aided Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
        <u>Approved.</u>

5.2   Postgraduate research students

5.2.1   Dr M Rusinowitch, INRIA Lorraine
        Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.1, PhD, School of Computer Applications
        <u>Approved.</u>
5.2.2   Dr W Meijer, University College Dublin
        Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.2, PhD, School of Biotechnology
        <u>Approved</u>.
5.2.3   Dr D Parker, University of Durham
        Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.3, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
        <u>Approved</u>.

5.2.4 Dr P Matthews, Trinity College Dublin
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.4, MSc, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.

5.2.5 Dr R Barklie, Trinity College Dublin
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.5, MSc, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.

5.2.6 Dr M P Carty, NUI Galway
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.6, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved.

5.2.7 Dr R M Soriano, University of Granada
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.7, PhD, School of Computer Applications
Approved.

5.2.8 Dr R Burch, Queen's University, Belfast
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.8, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.

5.2.9 Professor H McMahon, University of Ulster, and Professor P Dillon, University of Exeter
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.9, PhD, School of Education Studies
Approved.

5.2.10 Professor Á Hyland, University College Cork, and Dr Margaret Reynolds, St Mary's University College, Belfast
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.10, PhD, School of Education Studies
Approved.

5.2.11 Professor G Granville, National College of Art and Design
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.11, MEd, St Patrick's College
Approved.

5.2.12 Professor J Coolahan, National University of Ireland, Maynooth
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.12, PhD, St Patrick's College
Approved.

5.2.13 Dr J Walsh, Dublin Institute of Technology
Student ref. SC/2003/A6/5.2.13, 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/2003/A6/6.1.1, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved.

6.1.2   Student ref. SC/2003/A6/6.1.2, School of Biotechnology
Approved.

6.2   Applications for direct entry to the PhD register

6.2.1   Student ref. SC/2003/A6/6.2.1, School of Law and Government
         Approved.
6.2.2   Student ref. SC/2003/A6/6.2.2, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing
         Engineering
         Approved.

**6.3   Admission to Master's qualifier
         (School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering - 1 candidate)**

         Approved.

**6.4   Application for admission to research Master's
         (School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering - 1 candidate)**

         Approved.

**6.5   Request in respect of overseas qualifications
         (School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering)**

         The principle of using expertise within the University, where available, to
         supplement standard information on equivalences in respect of overseas
         qualifications was approved It was agreed that the School would be asked
         to submit to Standing Committee, for consideration at its meeting of 3 July
         2003, a list of the institutions in the overseas countries mentioned in the
         proposal of which the School had recent experience and in respect of which
         it would be prepared to apply the admission criteria which had been
         included in the proposal.

**6.6   Application for re -registration under 'write-up' status
         (Dublin City University Business School - one candidate)**

         Approved.

7.   Requests for module exemptions

   7.1   MA in International Relations (three candidates)

         Approved.

7.2   **International MBA (six candidates)**

<u>Approved.</u>

Date of next meeting: Thursday 3 July 2003

Signed: _____   Date: _____
               Chairman