

ACADEMIC COUNCIL – STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday 3 July 2003

9.00-10.35 a.m. in Executive Meeting Room

Present: Professor Albert Pratt (Chair), Ms Anja Friedrich,
Professor David Jacobson, Dr Paraic James, Mr Mícheál Mac Conmara,
Dr Liam Mac Mathúna, Dr Seán Marlow, Ms Louise McDermott
(Recording Secretary), Dr Barry McMullin, Dr Ronnie Saunders

Apologies: Mr Paul Sheehan

Observers: Mr Joachim Barnett, Ms Vanessa Wade

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the inclusion of five additional submissions under Item 5.2, two additional requests in relation to Item 6.3, and one additional submission under Item 7.

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 had been approved by Academic Council at its meeting of 11 June 2003, subject to a change to the final sentence so that it reads: *Follow-up correspondence should be conducted between the student(s) and the Programme Chair.* (Item 9 of meeting of 1 May 2003)

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

3.3 Noted that the regulations on module exemptions had been approved by Academic Council at its meeting of 11 June 2003. (Item 3.1)

- 3.4 Noted that the proposals on the provision of lecture notes online would be discussed at a future meeting of Standing Committee. (Item 3.3)
- 3.5 Noted 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 3.4)
- 3.6 Noted 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 4 September 2003 meeting of Standing Committee. (Item 3.9)
- 3.7 Noted that the MA in Political Communication would run solely on a part-time basis with effect from 2003-04. (Item 4.5)
- 3.8 Noted that the scheduling of the Library training for the Graduate Diploma in Translation Studies had been agreed with the students and met their needs. (Item 4.7)

4. Faculty/Committee/Programme Board minutes

- 4.1 Programme Board: Graduate Diploma/MSc in Biological Sciences, 12/03/03. Noted and approved.
- 4.2 Programme Board: BA in Communication Studies, 26/03/03. Noted and approved subject to the replacement, in Item 3.2, of the reference to a modified version of a current module by a reference to a new module.
- 4.3 Joint Programme Board: BA in Journalism/BSc in Multimedia, 08/05/03. Noted. The implications of the restructuring proposals were discussed, and it was agreed that the Registrar would hold further discussions about them with the Programme Chairs.
- 4.4 Programme Board: BSc in Applied Computational Linguistics, 04/06/03, and Working Group, 16/06/03. Noted. The implications of the restructuring proposals were discussed, and it was agreed that the Registrar would hold further discussions about them with the Programme Chair.
- 4.5 Programme Board: BSc in Multimedia, 11/06/03. Noted and approved.

5. Appointment of external examiners

5.1 Taught programmes

- 5.1.1 Mr L Simpson, Heriot-Watt University
School of Mathematical Sciences, Module EF313 (reappointment)
Approved.
- 5.1.2 Professor G Boyle, NUI Maynooth
Professor D McKillop, Queen's University, Belfast
Professor D Power, University of Dundee
Professor P Weinberg, Universität des Saarlandes
Dr H Scullion, University of Nottingham
Professor M Theobald, University of Birmingham
DCU Business School (reappointments)
Approved.
- 5.1.3 Professor T Hurley, NUI Galway
School of Mathematical Sciences
Approved subject to the submission of additional detail in respect of the *curriculum vitae*.
- 5.1.4 Professor P Collins, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
BSc in Biotechnology (reappointment)
Approved.
- 5.1.5 Dr B McCormack, Institute of Technology, Sligo
BEng in Medical Mechanical Engineering
Approved.
- 5.1.6 Dr B Hinds, Queen's University, Belfast
BEng in Manufacturing Engineering with Business Studies
Approved.

5.2 Postgraduate research students

- 5.2.1 Dr S McClean, University of Ulster
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.1, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.2 Dr K Rockett, Trinity College Dublin
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.2, PhD, School of Communications
Approved.
- 5.2.3 Professor M Ward, University of Bristol
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.3, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.

- 5.2.4 Professor T Brazil, University College Dublin
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.4, MEng, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 5.2.5 Dr D Bagnall, University of Southampton
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.5, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 5.2.6 Professor J McLaughlin, University of Ulster
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.6, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 5.2.7 Dr R Burke, Dublin Institute of Technology
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.7, MSc, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.2.8 Dr K O'Connor, University College Dublin
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.8, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 5.2.9 Professor G Cockerham, Sheffield Hallam University, and
Professor Robert McIlhagger, University of Ulster
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.9, PhD, School of Mechanical and
Manufacturing Engineering
Approved in respect of Professor McIlhagger. In view of Professor
Cockerham's existing heavy workload as an examiner, the School is to be
asked to make an alternative nomination.
- 5.2.10 Dr D Robinson, Kimmage Mission Institute
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.10, MA, All Hallows College
Approved. Noted that it had not been necessary to complete Section D1 of
the nomination form.
- 5.2.11 Ms Edel O'Kennedy, National University of Ireland, Maynooth
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.11, MA, All Hallows College
Approved. Noted that it had not been necessary to complete Section D1 of
the nomination form.
- 5.2.12 Dr D Smith, Haughton Institute, Dublin
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.12, MA, All Hallows College
Approved. Noted that it had not been necessary to complete Section D1 of
the nomination form.
- 5.2.13 Dr D O'Shea, University College Dublin
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.13, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.14 Dr C M Gordon, University of Strathclyde
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.14, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.15 Professor J McGarvey, Queen's University, Belfast
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.15, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.

- 5.2.16 Professor P Duclos, University of Toulon and Var, and
Professor D Crothers, Queen's University, Belfast
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.16, PhD, School of Mathematical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.17 Dr Andrew Butterfield, Trinity College Dublin
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.17, PhD, School of Computing
Approved.
- 5.2.18 Professor P Page, Loughborough University
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.18, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 5.2.19 Professor W Hasselbring, University of Oldenburg
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.19, MSc, School of Computing
Approved.
- 5.2.20 Dr S J Katzen, University of Ulster
Student ref. SC/2003/A7/5.2.20, MEng, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved subject to the submission of the abstract.

It was agreed that, at its meeting of 4 September 2003, Standing Committee would review the issue of the frequency of appointment of external examiners.

6. Postgraduate research matters

6.1 Applications to transfer to the PhD register

- 6.1.1 Student ref. SC/2003/A7/6.1.1, School of Biotechnology
Approved.
- 6.1.2 Student ref. SC/2003/A7/6.1.2, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.3 Student ref. SC/2003/A7/6.1.3, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.4 Student ref. SC/2003/A7/6.1.4, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.1.5 Student ref. SC/2003/A7/6.1.5, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.

6.2 Academic regulations for postgraduate degrees by research and thesis: proposals on wording related to the student/supervisor relationship

The first proposal was approved subject to the insertion of the words 'and Faculty' between 'School' and 'level' on the second line. It was agreed that this first proposal would be adequate to deal with any issues that might arise and the second proposal would therefore not be needed.

**6.3 Request for registration for 2003/04 under write-up status
(School of Communications - one candidate and DCU Business School -
two candidates)**

Approved.

6.4 Request for direct entry to PhD register

Approved.

7. Requests for module exemptions

7.1 MA in Globalisation (two candidates)

Approved.

7.2 MA in International Relations - part time (eight candidates)

Approved.

7.3 MA in International Relations - full time (one applicant)

Approved.

**7.4 MSc/Diplóma do Chéimithe i nGnó agus i dTeicneolaíocht an Eolais
(one candidate)**

Approved.

7.5 Graduate Diploma in Safety and Health at Work (seven candidates)

Approved.

8. Proposal for acceptance of overseas Bachelors degrees

The list of overseas universities provided by the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering was noted. It was agreed to request the School to submit a further list, of institutions of which it had recent positive experience, together with brief background descriptions of the nature of the experience.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 4 September 2003

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____