

ACADEMIC COUNCIL – STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday 30 October 2003

9.00-11.30 a.m. in Executive Meeting Room

Present: Professor Albert Pratt (Chair), Dr Eoin Cassidy, Ms Anja Friedrich, Mr Mícheál Mac Conmara, Dr Liam Mac Mathúna, Ms Louise McDermott (Recording Secretary), Dr Barry McMullin, Dr Ronnie Saunders, Mr Paul Sheehan

Apologies: Professor Martin Henry, Professor David Jacobson, Dr Paraic James

Observer: Ms Brenda Gaughan

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the inclusion of two additional submissions under Item 5.1, one additional submission under Item 6, one additional submission under Item 6.1 and two additional submissions under Item 8.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 2 October 2003

Confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

3.1 Noted that, at its meeting of 15 October 2003, Academic Council had agreed that it would not be necessary for exemption requests in respect of INTRA to be submitted to Standing Committee (the Standing Committee decision on this matter is noted at Item 8 of the minutes of Standing Committee of 4 September 2003).

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

3.3 Noted that the proposals on the provision of lecture notes online would shortly be discussed by Standing Committee. (Item 3.2)

- 3.4 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 shortly be made to Standing Committee. (Item 3.3)
- 3.5 Noted that Standing Committee would, at a meeting in the near future, review the frequency of appointment of external examiners. (Item 3.4)
- 3.6 Noted that the references to 'primary degree' had been replaced by references to 'undergraduate degree' on the PGR9 form (the form used for application for direct entry to the PhD register) so as to make it easier to use for applicants unfamiliar with the term 'primary degree'. (Item 3.10)
- 3.7 Noted that the Registrar together with Professor Diamond, Dr Cassidy and Ms McDermott would submit a proposal on the award of an *aegrotat* research degree for discussion at the next meeting of Standing Committee. (Item 9.3)

4. Faculty/Committee/Programme Board minutes

- 4.1 Programme Board: Graduate Diploma/MSc in Nursing, 19/06/03. Noted and approved.
- 4.2 Programme Board: BSc in Nursing/Bachelor of Nursing Studies, 24/06/03. Noted and approved.
- 4.3 Programme Board: MSc in Bioinformatics, 12/09/03. Noted and approved.
- 4.4 Programme Board: Bachelor of Nursing Studies (Oscail), 26/09/03. Noted and approved.
- 4.5 Programme Board: BSc in Applied Computational Linguistics, 08/10/03. Noted and approved.
- 4.6 Programme Board: BSc in Computer Applications (Evening), 08/10/03. Noted and approved.
- 4.7 Programme Board: BSc in Computer Applications (Evening), 15/10/03. Noted and approved.
- 4.8 Note from Mr Brian Trench on behalf of the Programme Board: MA in Journalism, 14/10/03. Noted and approved.

5. Appointment of external examiners

5.1 Taught programmes

- 5.1.1 Dr Y Matsumoto-Sturt, University of Edinburgh
Modules in Japanese in the School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 5.1.2 Mr T Twomey, Limerick Institute of Technology
Graduate Diploma/MSc in the Management and Applications of Information Technology in Accounting
Approved.
- 5.1.3 (Reappointments)
Dr W Whyte, Baltimore Technologies
Professor D Ó Maidín, University of Limerick
Professor J Grimson, Trinity College Dublin
Professor A McGettrick, University of Strathclyde
Professor T Anderson, University of Ulster
Programmes in the School of Computing
Approved.
- 5.1.4 Mr D Dolan, Trinity College Dublin
Programmes in the School of Computing
Approved.
- 5.1.5 Dr T Veale, University College Dublin
BSc in Applied Computational Linguistics
Approved.
- 5.1.6 Dr M Dalrymple, King's College, University of London
BSc in Applied Computational Linguistics
Approved.

5.2 Postgraduate research students

None.

6. Postgraduate research matters

6.1 Applications to transfer to the PhD register

- 6.1.1 Student ref. SC/2003/A10/6.1.1, School of Law and Government
Approved.
- 6.1.2 Student ref. SC/2003/A10/6.1.2, School of Law and Government
Approved.

6.1.3 Student ref. SC/2003/A10/6.1.3, School of Biotechnology
(Resubmission)

Approved.

6.1.4 Student ref. SC/2003/A10/6.1.4, School of Communications

Approved.

6.2 Application for direct entry to PhD register

6.2.1 Student ref. SC/2003/A10/6.2.1, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing
Engineering

Approved.

6.2.2 Student ref. SC/2003/A10/6.2.2, Centre for Sport Science & Health

Approved.

6.2.3 Student ref. SC/2003/A10/6.2.3, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing
Engineering

Approved subject to successful completion of the Master's programme
which the student is currently undertaking and for which results are
expected shortly.

6.3 Request for transfer of PhD student from Limerick Institute of Technology (School of Chemical Sciences - one candidate)

Approved.

6.4 Requests for re-registration under 'write-up' status

Approved. Agreed that the first of the three students listed should not be
charged write-up fees and that the Registry would liaise with the Finance
Office on this.

7. Requests for special-case admission

None.

8. Requests for exemption from modules

8.1.1 BEng in Electronic Engineering (one candidate)

This request was not discussed, since it relates to INTRA and it was agreed
by Academic Council at its meeting of 15 October 2003 that INTRA
exemption requests need not be submitted to Standing Committee
(see Item 3.1 above).

8.1.2 Bachelor of Nursing Studies (one candidate)

Approved.

8.1.3 BSc in Financial and Actuarial Mathematics (one candidate)

This request was not discussed, since it relates to INTRA and it was agreed by Academic Council at its meeting of 15 October 2003 that INTRA exemption requests need not be submitted to Standing Committee (see Item 3.1 above).

8.1.4 BSc in Sport Science and Health (one candidate)

Approved.

8.1.5 BSc in Sport Science and Health (one candidate)

This request was not discussed, since it relates to INTRA and it was agreed by Academic Council at its meeting of 15 October 2003 that INTRA exemption requests need not be submitted to Standing Committee (see Item 3.1 above).

8.1.6 BEng in Computer-aided Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering (one candidate)

This request was not discussed, since it relates to INTRA and it was agreed by Academic Council at its meeting of 15 October 2003 that INTRA exemption requests need not be submitted to Standing Committee (see Item 3.1 above).

8.1.7 Professional Diploma in Accounting (thirty-three candidates)

Approved. Agreed that the Programme Chair would be requested to discuss with the Programme Board the possibility of reconfiguring the programme so as to obviate the need for the large number of requests for exemption from modules MT501 and EF512.

8.1.8 BSc in Computer Applications - Information Systems (two candidates)

Approved. Agreed that requests for exemptions which the Programme Board so not approve need not be submitted to Standing Committee and that the Programme Board would be informed of this. Agreed that the Programme Board would be requested to use the standard exemption request form rather than a customised version.

8.1.9 Bachelor of Nursing Studies (two candidates)

Approved.

8.1.10 BA in Communication Studies (one candidate)

Approved.

9. Proposal to permit the submission of an appeal in relation to a provisional examination result

Agreed that, since the proposal raised a number of issues which would need detailed discussion, further information should be sought from the Programme Board relating to the programme which gave rise to the request to submit an appeal, and subsequently all Programme Boards in respect of which a similar situation might arise would be contacted and asked to submit their views.

10. Proposal to permit a student to repeat a programme already passed (Graduate Diploma in the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering)

Approved subject to the following: the student is to be requested to formally decline the Graduate Diploma already awarded and register again for the full Graduate Diploma including all modules and without exemption; the results obtained by the student following re-registration for 2003/04 are to replace the results already obtained in 2002/03, and these latter results are to be deemed to be the Graduate Diploma results and to constitute the future full academic record in respect of this programme; if the student does not confirm agreement to these proposals by a date and time to be specified by the Registrar, the award of Graduate Diploma will be conferred on 5 November 2003 and subsequent re-registration for the programme will not be permitted.

11. Any other business

None.

Date of next meeting: Thursday 4 December 2003

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____