

ACADEMIC COUNCIL - STANDING COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Thursday, 8 July 1999

at 9:00 am in Executive Meeting Room

PRESENT: Prof J Carroll (Chairperson), Dr J Murray (Assistant Registrar), Mr J Dowling, Mr B Kehoe, Dr K Monks.

APOLOGIES: Dr C Long, Prof B MacCraith, Dr L MacMathúna, Dr B McMullin, Prof E O'Halpin, Prof R O'Kennedy, Dr T Ryan.

1. ADOPTION OF AGENDA

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/1)

The agenda was adopted subject to the inclusion of two matters to be considered under 'any other business'. The Chairman welcomed Dr Jim Murray as the new Assistant Registrar (Academic Planning & Quality) to his first meeting and wished him every success in his career.

2. MINUTES OF MEETING OF 3 JUNE 1999

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/2)

The minutes of the meeting of 3 June 1999 were adopted and signed by the Chairperson.

3. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

a. FACULTY/COMMITTEE/PROGRAMME BOARD MINUTES

(ref. AC-SC99/M5/4)

The Chairpersons of the relevant Programme Boards have been advised of the decisions of Standing Committee of Academic Council in respect of the specific issues raised in the minutes for consideration.

b. APPOINTMENT OF EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

(ref. AC-SC99/M5/5)

The Registrar reported that invitations had been issued to the various External Examiners recommended for appointment for Research Degrees and for Taught Programmes.

c. PROPOSED GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN SAFETY & HEALTH AT WORK

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/6)

Standing Committee approved the revised membership of the Accreditation Board as indicated below:

Accreditation Board Member	School/Unit/Institution
Mr John Canavan, Chairperson	Dean, Joint Faculty of Education
Dr Chris Hartley	Health & Safety Unit, Aston University
Dr Nick McDonald	Department of Psychology, Trinity College Dublin
Dr Richard Wynne	Work Research Centre, Terenure, Dublin 6W
Professor John Carroll	Registrar, Dublin City University

4. FACULTY/COMMITTEE/PROGRAMME BOARD MINUTES

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/4)

- a. Course Team: Bachelor of Nursing Studies, 21/09/1998

Noted.

- b. Programme Board: Master of Business Administration, 03/03/1999

Noted.

- c. Programme Board: MA in International Relations, 10/03/1999

Noted.

- d. Course Team: MSc in the Management of Operations, 24/03/1999

Standing Committee approved the Course Team's proposal to amend the standard of progressing from the Graduate Diploma to the MSc register from an overall average score in the taught modules of 60% to 55%.

- e. Faculty Meeting: Joint Faculty of Education, 05/05/1999

Noted.

- f. Programme Board: BA in Applied Languages, 21/05/1999

Noted.

- g. Programme Board: Graduate Diploma/MA in Translation Studies, 03/06/1999

Noted.

- h. Programme Board: MA in International Relations, 09/06/1999

Standing Committee noted the Programme Board's concerns regarding the setting of fees for the part-time programme and considered that such issues should be taken up directly with the Finance Office.

- i. Programme Board: MA in Journalism, 15/06/1999

Noted.

- j. Programme Board: MSc in Science Communication, 15/06/1999

Noted.

- k. Programme Board: MBS in Accounting, 16/06/1999

Standing Committee noted and complimented the Programme Board on the very positive student feedback in programme review and, in particular, the identified programme strengths of a high lecturing standard, supportive environment, relationships with lecturers, development of personal skills, etc.

- l. Programme Board: BA in Applied Languages, 21/06/1999

Standing Committee noted and shared the Programme Board's concerns with examination failure rates. It considered that further discussion and consideration of various issues would be merited. In particular, the perception that "other Programme Boards use their discretion to ensure that students pass, even if it meant a considerable raising of marks" deserves closer scrutiny. Also, the relationships between programme entry requirements, CAO "cut-off" points, places available and the quality of intake are very complex issues which require detailed analysis.

ACTION: REGISTRAR

5. APPOINTMENT OF POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH EXTERNAL EXAMINERS

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/5)

Standing Committee approved the underlisted nominations for appointment as external examiners for the indicated postgraduate research students:

- a. Professor Kevin Nolan, RCSI

Student No. 95970878, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences

- b. Dr Gary Attard, Cardiff University

Student No. 93700377, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences

- c. Dr Declan Gilheaney, University College Dublin

Student No. 96970456, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences

- d. Professor Jonathan Williams, University of Bath

Student No. 96971410, MSc, School of Chemical Sciences

- e. Dr Paul Taylor, University of Warwick

Student No. 93700679, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences

subject to the submission of a summary CV.

- f. Dr Peter Enser, University of Brighton

- Student No. 97970107, MSc, School of Computer Applications
- g. Dr Myra O'Regan, Trinity College Dublin
- Student No. 97970182, MSc, School of Computer Applications
- h. Dr Robert Shorten, NUI Maynooth
- Student No. 96971690, MSc, School of Computer Applications
- i. Dr Eduardo Rodriguez Banga, University of Vigo
- Student No. 95970991, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
- j. Dr Serge Santi, Université de Franche-Comté
- Student No. 95971017, PhD, School of Computer Applications
- k. Professor Barra Ó Cinnéide, University of Limerick
- Student No. 95970860, MBS, DCUBS
- l. Professor Áine Hyland, University College Cork
- Student No. 98971395, MEd, School of Education Studies
- m. Dr Peter Shanahan, University of Ulster
- Student No. 94971471, PhD, School of Education Studies
- subject to the identification of the Supervisor and Internal Examiner.
- n. Dr Máirtín Ó Droma, University of Limerick
- Student No. 95971360, MEng, School of Electronic Engineering
- o. Dr Richard Studdert, University College Cork
- Student No. 96970375, MEng, School of Electronic Engineering
- p. Dr John Nelson, University College Cork
- Student No. 93701209, MEng, School of Electronic Engineering
- q. Professor Alan Hendry, University of Strathclyde
- Student No. 95970916, PhD, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
- r. Professor Ralph Tatam, Cranfield University
- Student No. 95971408, PhD, School of Physical Sciences
- s. Professor Ciaran Lewis, Queen's University of Belfast

Student No. 93701331, PhD, School of Physical Sciences

subject to the submission of a summary CV.

t. Professor William Graham, Queen's University of Belfast

Student No. 96970448, MSc, School of Physical Sciences

u. Dr Elfed Lewis, University of Limerick

Student No. 95970762, PhD, School of Physical Sciences

v. Professor Susan Bassnet, University of Warwick

Professor Yves Gambier, University of Turku

Student No. 95971564, PhD, SALIS

6. SPECIAL CASE ADMISSIONS

a. BSc IN COMPUTER APPLICATIONS (EVENING)

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/6.1)

Standing Committee approved a request from the Programme Board to admit 3 applicants to the programme on the basis of special case admission. The application was made on the basis that the 3 applicants come as a group from Irish Life, they possess good CAO 'points' scores from their respective Leaving Certificate examinations, and have the support of the Programme Board in its estimation of the candidates' potential contribution to the programme:

99175053, 99175088, 99175045.

b. GRADUATE DIPLOMA IN EDUCATION & TRAINING MANAGEMENT

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/6.2)

Standing Committee approved a request from the Programme Board to admit 3 applicants to the programme on the basis of special case admission (Degree or relevant Diploma with credit, extensive relevant work experience, an interview and the Programme Board's estimation of the candidates' potential contribution to the programme):

99183412, 99184117, 99184133.

7. AWARD OF MSc IN OPTOELECTRONICS TO AN EXCHANGE STUDENT

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/7)

Standing Committee approved a request from the Graduate Diploma/MSc in Optoelectronics Programme Board to recommend eligibility to Exchange Student 98185993 for the award of MSc in Optoelectronics upon successful completion of the MSc dissertation and subject to the good standing of the student in terms of programme registration and fees. Standing Committee was advised that the student had the required entry qualifications to the Graduate Diploma programme and, in addition, had secured average marks of 74% across the range of taught modules

(across Semesters 1 and 2) for the programme which was well in excess of the 60% threshold required for transfer from the Graduate Diploma to the Master's register.

8. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

a. **APPOINTMENT OF POSTGRADUATE RESEARCH EXTERNAL EXAMINERS**

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/8.1)

Standing Committee approved the underlisted nominations for appointment as external examiners for the indicated postgraduate research students:

- i. Dr Lucy Byrnes, NUI Galway
Student No. 95970851, PhD, School of Biotechnology
- ii. Dr William Fitzgerald, Sligo Institute of Technology
Student No. 97970794, MSc, School of Biotechnology
- iii. Dr Graham Wilson, University College Dublin
Student No. 95971319, PhD, School of Biotechnology

b. **SPECIAL CASE ADMISSIONS**

i. **MBA**

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/8.2.1)

Standing Committee approved a request from the Programme Board to admit 2 applicants to the programme on the basis of special case admission (substantial business experience, an interview and the Programme Board's estimation of the candidates' potential contribution to the programme):

99169096, 99169223

As with all other applicants to this programme, approval is subject to candidates securing a satisfactory GMAT score.

ii. **MBS IN HUMAN RESOURCE STRATEGIES**

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/8.2.2)

Standing Committee approved a request from the Programme Board to admit 4 applicants to the programme on the basis of special case admission (Pass Degree or a Diploma qualification entitling membership of the Institute of Personnel & Development which is the professional qualification for human resource managers, extensive relevant work experience, an interview and the Programme Board's estimation of the candidates' potential contribution to the programme):

99166615, 99164698, 99167568, 99168546.

iii. **MBS IN STRATEGIC INTERNATIONAL MARKETING**

(ref. AC-SC99/M6/8.2.2)

Standing Committee approved a request from the Programme Board to admit 2 applicants to the programme on the basis of special case admission (Degree or Diploma or substantial business experience, an interview and the Programme Board's estimation of the candidates' potential contribution to the programme):

99168286, 99169037

Standing Committee recommended that the Programme Board give some consideration in the future to the concept of a "qualifier" (e.g. a successfully completed assignment or project as a pre-requisite for entry) in cases where applicants do not possess any significant higher education qualifications.