

GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday 25 February 2021

9:30 a.m. – 11:20 a.m.
Zoom Meeting

Present: Ms Lisa Buckley, Ms Isabelle Caulfield, Prof. David Collings, Prof. Edel Conway, Dr Maura Coulter, Prof. Turlough Downes, Ms Karen Keating, Ms Rachel Keegan (Secretary), Dr Gillian Lake, Dr Pascal Landais, Prof. Sharon O'Brien, Ms Christina O'Keeffe, Prof. Joseph Stokes (Chair), Ms Jennifer Yore

Apologies: Dr Tim McCormac, Dr Jennifer McManis, Dr Sally Smith

In attendance: Ms Grainne Curran

SECTION A: MINUTES AND RELATED ISSUES

1. Adoption of the agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 14 January 2021

The minutes of the meeting of 14 January 2021 were approved. It was noted that formal minutes would be signed once on-campus activity resumes.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 10 December 2020

3.1 It was noted that work on guidelines on recital performance and related capacity building is ongoing (item 3.1).

3.2 It was noted that follow up with respect to a PGR14 for a student in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, which was approved subject to the form being completed by the supervisor, is ongoing (item 3.2) (original ref. 9.27, 31 August 2020).

3.3 It was noted that a subgroup of the GRSB has met on two occasions thus far, to scope out ongoing COVID related issues and to consider how these might be addressed going forward. The group also considered the second 'cost extension for research disrupted by COVID-19' call, due to be launched later today (item 5.2).

3.4 It was noted that follow up with respect to a PGR4 form for a student in DCU Business School, for which a decision was deferred pending further justification of the early

submission request, is on the agenda (item 9.23) of today's meeting (item 3.3) (original ref. 8.4, 10 December 2020).

SECTION B: Policy and strategy issues

4. Graduate researcher development

There were no items for consideration.

5. COVID-19: Continuity arrangements

The Chair advised the GRSB that DCU Library is working towards a phased opening of study spaces for those who require it. It is expected that this service will open on 8 March 2021.

The Chair informed the GRSB that the Graduate Studies Office ran a 'Coping with COVID' session in the previous week. A recording of the session is available to students on the GSO Loop page.

6. GSO Annual Report 2020

The 3rd annual GSO report was noted by the GRSB. The report provides an overview of student registration numbers and graduation numbers for 2019/20. The report also includes details of scholarships, funding and training events for that year.

The GRSB considered the completion rate figures provided in the report for 2007/08. It was noted that the figures were taken from the last fully completed cohort. It was noted that the part-time completion rate was low for that year, however, exploration of later years would be required to determine if this figure is typical. It was suggested that future reports could provide further detail on withdrawal numbers by year of study. It was noted that data being collected in the Student Engagement Survey (StudentSurvey.ie) may also provide further insight into students who have considered withdrawing.

7. Research student annual leave entitlement

The draft guidance text for annual leave arrangements was considered by the GRSB. A number of suggested amendments were considered. It was agreed that an updated document would be brought to the next meeting of the GRSB.

SECTION C: Individual student issues

8. Applications for transfer to the PhD Register or confirmation on the PhD Register (PGR3)

- 8.1 GRSB2021/A2/8.1, School of Arts Education and Movement
Approved

- 8.2 GRSB2021/A2/8.2, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.3 GRSB2021/A2/8.3, School of Computing
Approved
- 8.4 GRSB2021/A2/8.4, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge
Approved
- 8.5 GRSB2021/A2/8.5, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved
- 8.6 GRSB2021/A2/8.6, School of Inclusive and Special Education
Approved
- 8.7 GRSB2021/A2/8.7, STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies
Approved

9. Appointment of internal and external examiners (PGR4)

- 9.1 GRSB2021/A2/9.1, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved. It was confirmed that the candidate is not/was not a member of staff.
- 9.2 GRSB2021/A2/9.2, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved
- 9.3 GRSB2021/A2/9.3, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved
- 9.4 GRSB2021/A2/9.4, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 9.5 GRSB2021/A2/9.5, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved. It was noted that this is a resubmission.
- 9.6 GRSB2021/A2/9.6, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved. It was noted that this is a resubmission.
- 9.7 GRSB2021/A2/9.7, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 9.8 GRSB2021/A2/9.8, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 9.9 GRSB2021/A2/9.9, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 9.10 GRSB2021/A2/9.10, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved

- 9.11 GRSB2021/A2/9.11, MSc, School of Informatics and Creative Arts, DkIT
Approved
- 9.12 GRSB2021/A2/9.12, PhD, School of Informatics and Creative Arts, DkIT
Approved
- 9.13 GRSB2021/A2/9.13, MSc, School of Informatics and Creative Arts, DkIT
Approved
- 9.14 GRSB2021/A2/9.14, PhD, School of Health and Science, DkIT
Approved
- 9.15 GRSB2021/A2/9.15, PhD, School of English
Decision deferred pending clarification that the full supervisory panel is in support of the early submission. It was noted that the student had moved from the part-time to full-time register which further impacts on the expected submission timelines.
- 9.16 GRSB2021/A2/9.16, PhD, School of English
Approved
- 9.17 GRSB2021/A2/9.17, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved
- 9.18 GRSB2021/A2/9.18, PhD, School of History and Geography
Approved
- 9.19 GRSB2021/A2/9.19, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 9.20 GRSB2021/A2/9.20, PhD, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health
Approved
- 9.21 GRSB2021/A2/9.21, PhD, School of Physical Sciences
Approved
- 9.22 GRSB2021/A2/9.22, PhD, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved
- 9.23 GRSB2021/A2/9.23, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 9.24 GRSB2021/A2/9.24, MA, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved
- 9.25 GRSB2021/A2/9.25, PhD, School of Psychology
Noted. Approved by Chairs Action, 17 February 2021.
- 9.26 GRSB2021/A2/9.26, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved

10. Notice of Intention to Reside/Carry out Research Abroad (PGR13)

10.1 GRSB2021/A2/10.1, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved

10.2 GRSB2021/A2/10.2, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved

11. Request for Extension to Maximum Registration Period OR Re-admission to the Research Programme (PGR14)

11.1 GRSB2021/A2/11.1, DCU Institute of Education
Approved to 23 April 2021.

11.2 GRSB2021/A2/11.2, School of Law and Government
Noted. Approved by Chairs Action, 01 February 2021.

12. Other Student Matters

12.1 Application for direct entry to the PhD programme for an applicant to the School of Mathematical Sciences.
Approved

13. Any other Business

There was no other business.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date of next meeting

Thursday, 8 April 2021

at 9.30 a.m.

Zoom meeting