

## GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES BOARD

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### MINUTES

Thursday 13 May 2021

9:30 a.m. – 11:30 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, Dr Tim McCormac, Dr Jennifer McManis, Prof. Sharon O'Brien, Ms Christina O'Keeffe, Dr Sally Smith, Prof. Joseph Stokes (Chair) and Ms Jennifer Yore.

**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 8 April 2021

The minutes of the meeting of 8 April 2021 were approved subject to the correction of a surname in the list of attendees. It was noted that formal minutes would be signed once on-campus activity resumes.

#### 3. Matters arising from the minutes

- 3.1 It was noted that the work on guidelines on recital performance and related capacity building will be removed from the matters arising list. This item will be revisited at a later date in 2021-22.
- 3.2 It was noted that a PGR3 form for a student in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, which was not approved, is on the agenda (item 7.9) of today's meeting (item 8.10).
- 3.3 It was noted that a PGR3 form for a student in the School of Physical Sciences, which was not approved, is on the agenda (item 7.10) of today's meeting (item 8.11).
- 3.4 It was noted that follow up in respect of a PGR4 form for a student in the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health, for which the decision was deferred pending

confirmation that the external examiner meets the requirements as per regulation 10.2.9, is ongoing (item 9.40).

- 3.5 It was noted that a PGR4 form for a student in the School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies, which was not approved, is on the agenda (item 8.13) of today's meeting (item 9.46).
- 3.6 It was noted that follow up with respect to a PGR13 form for a student in the School of Computing which was not approved, is ongoing (item 10.1).

## **SECTION B: POLICY AND STRATEGY ISSUES**

### **4. Graduate researcher development**

#### **4.1 GTE - School of Communications – CM602, Engaged Research**

Approved. It was noted that module ownership will alternate every three years between the School of Communications and the School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health. The module code will alternative between CM602 and NS602.

#### **4.2 Structured Pathways - Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences**

4.2.1 School of Communications  
Noted

4.2.2 School of English  
Noted

4.2.3 Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge  
Noted

4.2.4 School of History and Geography  
Noted

4.2.5 School of Law and Government  
Noted

4.2.6 School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Noted

4.2.7 School of Theology, Philosophy and Music  
Noted

It was noted that the registration instructions were incorrect on a number of the pathway documents. References to the portal pages should be removed and replaced with 'Students should register for the approved GTEs during the online registration process'.

## 5. Doctor of Education - new Area of Professional Focus

The new Area of Professional Focus (APF) in Education for Sustainable Futures was considered by the GRSB. It was noted that the two new modules were sufficiently detailed and set out at an appropriate level. It was noted that the next intake into the programme will be in 2022-23 and it is intended that the new APF will be offered to that cohort. Students pursuing this strand will take the two new proposed modules along with four existing core modules.

GRSB endorsed the new APF and associated modules. It was noted that the proposal will now be referred to Education Committee for consideration.

## 6. COVID-19 – continuity arrangements

6.1 The Chair informed members that DCU will be running a third postgraduate COVID HEA Cost Extension Scheme call in the coming weeks. Tentative dates were discussed and it was noted that GSO would confirm the dates with colleagues shortly. It was noted that the criteria would be the same as per the previous call.

6.2 The current restrictions on engineers from other countries coming onto campus was briefly discuss. It was noted that these restrictions have resulted in a significant percentage of campus equipment not currently being supported. These restrictions are resulting in delayed timelines for a number of research projects. It was noted that a meeting has been arranged in the Faculty of Science and Health to consider this issue. It was agreed that the outcome of this meeting would be communicated to the Chair and S. Smith.

## SECTION C: INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ISSUES

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

7.1 GRSB2021/A4/7.1, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Approved

7.2 GRSB2021/A4/7.2, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Approved

7.3 GRSB2021/A4/7.3, School of Communications  
Approved

7.4 GRSB2021/A4/7.4, School of Computing  
Approved

7.5 GRSB2021/A4/7.5, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge  
Approved

7.6 GRSB2021/A4/7.6, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge  
Approved

- 7.7 GRSB2021/A4/7.7, School of History and Geography  
Approved
- 7.8 GRSB2021/A4/7.8, School of History and Geography  
Approved
- 7.9 GRSB2021/A4/7.9, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
Approved
- 7.10 GRSB2021/A4/7.10, School of Physical Sciences  
Approved
- 7.11 GRSB2021/A4/7.11, School of Policy and Practice  
Approved
- 8. Appointment of internal and external examiners (PGR4)**
- 8.1 GRSB2021/A4/8.1, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Approved
- 8.2 GRSB2021/A4/8.2, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Approved
- 8.3 GRSB2021/A4/8.3, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Approved. It was noted that this is a resubmission.
- 8.4 GRSB2021/A4/8.4, PhD, DCU Business School  
Approved
- 8.5 GRSB2021/A4/8.5, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance  
Approved
- 8.6 GRSB2021/A4/8.6, PhD, School of Inclusive and Special Education  
Not approved. It was noted that the External Examiner does not meet the requirements as per academic regulation 10.2.9.
- 8.7 GRSB2021/A4/8.7, PhD, School of Law and Government  
Approved
- 8.8 GRSB2021/A4/8.8, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
Approved
- 8.9 GRSB2021/A4/8.9, PhD, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
Approved
- 8.10 GRSB2021/A4/8.10, PhD, School of Nursing, Psychotherapy and Community Health  
Approved

- 8.11 GRSB2021/A4/8.11, MSc, School of Physical Sciences  
Not approved. It was noted that the External Examiner does not meet the requirements as per academic regulation 10.2.9.
- 8.12 GRSB2021/A4/8.12, PhD, School of Policy and Practice  
Approved
- 8.13 GRSB2021/A4/8.13, PhD, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies  
Approved
- 8.14 GRSB2021/A4/8.14, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Approved by Chair's action on 15 April 2021
- 8.15 GRSB2021/A4/8.15, MSc, School of Chemical Sciences  
Approved by Chair's action on 23 April 2021
- 8.16 GRSB2021/A4/8.16, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Approved by Chair's action on 4 May 2021
- 8.17 GRSB2021/A4/8.17, PhD, School of Law and Government  
Approved by Chair's action on 22 April 2021

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

- 9.1 GRSB2021/A4/9.1, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Noted
- 9.2 GRSB2021/A4/9.2, School of Computing  
Noted
- 9.3 GRSB2021/A4/9.3, School of Computing  
Noted
- 9.4 GRSB2021/A4/9.4, School of Computing  
Noted
- 9.5 GRSB2021/A4/9.5, School of Computing  
Noted
- 9.6 GRSB2021/A4/9.6, School of Computing  
Noted

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

- 10.1 GRSB2021/A4/10.1, School of Biotechnology  
Approved for 2021/22

- 10.2 GRSB2021/A4/10.2, DCU Business School  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.3 GRSB2021/A4/10.3, DCU Business School  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.4 GRSB2021/A4/10.4, DCU Business School  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.5 GRSB2021/A4/10.5, DCU Business School  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.6 GRSB2021/A4/10.6, DCU Business School  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.7 GRSB2021/A4/10.7, DCU Business School  
Approved for readmission to year 4 of the part-time PhD register.
- 10.8 GRSB2021/A4/10.8, School of Electronic Engineering  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.9 GRSB2021/A4/10.9, School of English  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.10 GRSB2021/A4/10.10, Fiontar agus Scoil na Gaeilge  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.11 GRSB2021/A4/10.11, School of Inclusive and Special Education  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.12 GRSB2021/A4/10.12, DCU Institute of Education  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.13 GRSB2021/A4/10.13, DCU Institute of Education  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.14 GRSB2021/A4/10.14, DCU Institute of Education  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.15 GRSB2021/A4/10.15, School of Law and Government  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.16 GRSB2021/A4/10.16, School of Law and Government  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.17 GRSB2021/A4/10.17, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.18 GRSB2021/A4/10.18, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
Approved for 2021/22

- 10.19 GRSB2021/A4/10.19, School of Physical Sciences  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.20 GRSB2021/A4/10.20, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies  
Approved for 2021/22
- 10.21 GRSB2021/A4/10.21, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music  
Not approved. It was noted that the form should be completed by the Principal Supervisor/s.
- 10.22 GRSB2021/A4/10.22, School of Law and Government  
Not approved. It was noted that the form should be completed by the Principal Supervisor/s.

**11. Any other Business**

- 11.1 The revised text for academic regulation 10.1 was circulated the members in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the word 'normally' should be included to allow for instances where new staff members have significant prior experience in examining.
- 11.2 Members were informed that Prof. Christine Loscher would be rejoining GRSB from the next meeting. The Chair thanked Prof. Turlough Downes for his active involvement in GRSB in the past months.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of next meeting**

<p>Thursday 17 June 2021</p> <p>at 9.30 a.m.</p> <p>Zoom meeting</p>
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