

## **GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES BOARD**

### **MINUTES**

Thursday 14 April 2016

9.30 – 10.35 am in A204

**Present:** Ms Lisa Buckley, Dr Charlotte Holland, Ms Margaret Irwin-Bannon (Secretary), Ms Rachel Keegan, Dr Caroline McMullan, Professor Kevin Rafter (Chair), Dr Mark Roantree, Dr Ana Terrés, Mr Ronan Tobin, Dr Blanaid White

**Apologies:** Ms Gillian Barry, Dr Gabriel Flynn, Dr Patricia Flynn, Dr Mary Ivers, Professor Lisa Looney, Dr Tim McCormac, Professor Colm O’Gorman, Dr Mary Rose Sweeney

### **SECTION A: MINUTES AND RELATED ISSUES**

#### **1. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted subject to the addition of the following:

- Item 8.61, GRSB2016/A3/8.61

#### **2. Minutes of the meeting of 3 March 2016**

The minutes of the meeting of 3 March 2016, were approved and signed by the Chair.

#### **3. Matters arising from the minutes of 3 March 2016**

- 3.1** It was noted that a meeting had taken place on 5 April 2016 to discuss the review of systems and processes with respect to the Graduate Research Assessment Boards, the Faculty Award Boards for Research Degrees and related items with Registry and Faculty administrators. It was noted too that the Dean of Graduate

Studies will arrange a follow-up meeting with the Associate Deans for Research in this regard (Item 3.4).

- 3.2 It was noted that a Working Group to develop a graduate training module on Communications Skills has been formed and will meet over the coming weeks (Item 4.2).
- 3.3 It was noted that for the confirmation of /transfer to the PhD Register (PGR3) of a candidate in the School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies a re-submission containing more specific information on the oral examination was awaited (Item 3.6) (Item 8.53, 7 September 2015).
- 3.4 It was noted that for the confirmation of/transfer to the PhD Register (PGR3) of a candidate in the School of Law and Government, more specific information on the oral examination and written submission had been provided and the item was complete (Item 8.7).
- 3.5 It was noted that for the confirmation of/transfer to the PhD Register (PGR3) of a candidate in the School of Law and Government, which had not been approved at the GRSB meeting of 3 March 2016, clarification that the transfer examination had been conducted in line with regulations is ongoing (Item 8.8).
- 3.6 It was noted that the Thesis Submission and Examination Guide for Research Students had been finalised (Item 6).
- 3.7 It was noted that research student orientation packs had been circulated to research staff in St. Patrick's College (Item 11.3).
- 3.8 It was noted that the notice of intention to submit for Examination / approval of internal and external examiner (PGR4) for a candidate in the School of Physical Sciences had been approved by Chair's Action on 4 March 2016 (GRSB2016 /A2/9.9).

## **SECTION B: Policy and strategy issues**

### **4. Graduate Researcher Development**

There were no items for consideration.

## **5. Incorporation Update**

Progress to date with respect to Incorporation was reported and the following noted:

- Letters have been sent to continuing research students, who will be changing affiliation, providing information with respect to Incorporation and its impact on their research studies. It was reported that feedback arising from the communication from research students has been very positive to date.
- Within the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences the newly established Schools are beginning to integrate into the existing Faculty structure.
- The Executive Dean for the Institute of Education is expected to be appointed by mid-May and recently appointed Heads of School are taking up their new roles.

## **6. Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis**

The revised Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis for the academic year 2016-2017 were approved.

### **SECTION C: Individual student issues**

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

- 7.1** GRSB2016/A3/7.1, PhD, School of Biotechnology  
Approved
- 7.2** GRSB2016/A3/7.2, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Approved
- 7.3** GRSB2016/A3/7.3, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Approved
- 7.4** GRSB2016/A3/7.4, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Approved (Please see Item 8.20)
- 7.5** GRSB2016/A3/7.5, PhD, School of Communications  
Approved

- 7.6 GRSB2016/A3/7.6, PhD, School of Communications  
Approved
- 7.7 GRSB2016/A3/7.7, PhD, School of Communications  
Approved
- 7.8 GRSB2016/A3/7.8, PhD, School of Communications  
Approved
- 7.9 GRSB2016/A3/7.9, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering  
Approved, (Please see Item 8.44)
- 7.10 GRSB2016/A3/7.10, PhD, School of Law and Government  
Approved
- 8. Notification of intention to Submit/Appointment of internal and external examiners (PGR4)**
- 8.1 GRSB2016/A3/8.1, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Professor Sonia Vandepitte, Ghent University, Belgium  
Approved
- 8.2 GRSB2016/A3/8.2, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Dr Fiona Farr, University of Limerick  
Approved
- 8.3 GRSB2016/A3/8.3, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies  
Dr Kristi Jauregi Ondarra, Utrecht University, The Netherlands  
External Examiner approved. Internal examiner approved, subject to meeting the  
criteria for internal examiners prior to the examination.
- 8.4 GRSB2016/A3/8.4, PhD, School of Biotechnology  
Dr Gerard Cagney, University College Dublin  
Approved
- 8.5 GRSB2016/A3/8.5, PhD, School of Biotechnology  
Professor Catherine Adley, University of Limerick  
Approved
- 8.6 GRSB2016/A3/8.6, PhD, School of Biotechnology  
Dr Derek Brazil, Queen's University Belfast  
Approved



- 8.7** GRSB2016/A3/8.7, PhD, School of Biotechnology  
Professor Gary Henehan, Dublin Institute of Technology  
Approved
- 8.8** GRSB2016/A3/8.8, PhD, DCU Business School  
Professor Dylan Jones-Evans, University of the West of England (UWE Bristol)  
Approved
- 8.9** GRSB2016/A3/8.9, PhD, DCU Business School  
Dr Jennifer Berrill, Trinity College Dublin  
Approved
- 8.10** GRSB2016/A3/8.10, PhD, DCU Business School  
Dr Raymond Bond, University of Ulster  
Approved
- 8.11** GRSB2016/A3/8.11, PhD, DCU Business School  
Professor Joan Ballantine, University of Ulster  
Approved
- 8.12** GRSB2016/A3/8.12, MBS, DCU Business School  
Professor Patrick Gunnigle, University of Limerick  
Approved
- 8.13** GRSB2016/A3/8.13, PhD, DCU Business School  
Dr Cristiana Lages, University of Reading  
Deferred decision, requires clarification that the application does not represent an early submission request.
- 8.14** GRSB2016/A3/8.14, PhD, DCU Business School  
Professor Gregory Connor, Maynooth University  
Deferred decision, the School is to be requested to provide a justification for submission prior to the completion of the minimum registration period.
- 8.15** GRSB2016/A3/8.15, PhD, DCU Business School  
Professor Don Bredin, University College Dublin  
Approved
- 8.16** GRSB2016/A3/8.16, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Professor Detlef Reichert, Martin-Luther-Universität, Germany  
Approved

- 8.17** GRSB2016/A3/8.17, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Dr Bart Van Dongen, The University of Manchester  
Approved
- 8.18** GRSB2016/A3/8.18, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Professor Erik Reimhult, University of Natural Resources and Life Sciences,  
Vienna  
Deferred decision, requires clarification that the application does not represent an  
early submission request.
- 8.19** GRSB2016/A3/8.19, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Dr Urszula Salaj-Kosla, University of Limerick  
Approved
- 8.20** GRSB2016/A3/8.20, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Professor Christian Jelsch, Université de Lorraine, France  
Approved, noted that the confirmation on the PhD register was also approved at  
this meeting and that the School should be advised that the confirmation process  
should be conducted within the appropriate timeframe.
- 8.21** GRSB2016/A3/8.21, PhD, School of Communications  
Professor Yvonne Tasker, University of East Anglia  
Deferred decision requires clarification that the application does not represent an  
early submission request.
- 8.22** GRSB2016/A3/8.22, PhD, School of Communications  
Professor Alison Anderson, Plymouth University  
External Examiner approved. Internal examiner approved, subject to meeting the  
criteria for internal examiners prior to the examination.
- 8.23** GRSB2016/A3/8.23, PhD, School of Communications  
Dr Christopher Pullen, Bournemouth University  
External Examiner approved. Internal examiner approved, subject to meeting the  
criteria for internal examiners prior to the examination.
- 8.24** GRSB2016/A3/8.24, PhD, School of Communications  
Professor Chris Frost, Liverpool John Moores University  
Approved
- 8.25** GRSB2016/A3/8.25, PhD, School of Communications  
Professor Mary Corcoran, Maynooth University  
Approved

- 8.26** GRSB2016/A3/8.26, MSc, School of Computing  
Professor Joe Carthy, University College Dublin  
Deferred Decision, requires clarification that the application does not represent an early submission request.
- 8.27** GRSB2016/A3/8.27, PhD, School of Computing  
Professor Josiane Mothe, Institut de Recherche en Informatique de Toulouse (IRIT)  
Approved
- 8.28** GRSB2016/A3/8.28, PhD, School of Computing  
Professor Kevin Hammond, University of St. Andrews, Scotland  
Approved
- 8.29** GRSB2016/A3/8.29, PhD, School of Computing  
Professor Emeritus Stephen Robertson, City University London  
Approved, note the School to be advised of the appropriate length of a submitted abstract
- 8.30** GRSB2016/A3/8.30, PhD, School of Computing  
Professor Stefan Ruger, The Open University  
Approved
- 8.31** GRSB2016/A3/8.31, PhD, School of Education Studies  
Dr Mary Collins, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
Approved
- 8.32** GRSB2016/A3/8.32, EdD, School of Education Studies  
Dr Roisin Coll, University of Glasgow  
Approved
- 8.33** GRSB2016/A3/8.33, PhD, Education Department, SPD  
Dr Tina Hickey, University College Dublin  
Approved
- 8.34** GRSB2016/A3/8.34, EdD, Education Department, SPD  
Dr Tracy Cross, William and Mary School of Education, USA  
Approved
- 8.35** GRSB2016/A3/8.35, EdD, Education Department, SPD  
Dr Michael Shevlin, Trinity College Dublin  
Approved (Renewal of nomination)



- 8.36** GRSB2016/A3/8.36, EdD, School of Education Studies  
Reverend Dr Eugene Duffy, Mary Immaculate College of Education, University of  
Limerick  
Approved
- 8.37** GRSB2016/A3/8.37, EdD, School of Education Studies  
Professor Stephen McKinney, University of Glasgow  
Approved
- 8.38** GRSB2016/A3/8.38, EdD, School of Education Studies  
Professor Jonathan Drennan, University of Southampton  
Approved  
Dr Pauline Joyce, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland  
Approved
- 8.39** GRSB2016/A3/8.39, EdD, School of Education Studies  
Dr Daniel O’Connell, Mary Immaculate College of Education, University of  
Limerick  
Approved
- 8.40** GRSB2016/A3/8.40, EdD, School of Education Studies  
Dr Graeme Nixon, University of Aberdeen  
Approved  
Dr Tania ap Siôn, University of Warwick  
Approved
- 8.41** GRSB2016/A3/8.41, EdD, School of Education Studies  
Reverend Canon Professor Leslie Francis, University of Warwick  
External Examiner approved. Internal examiner approved, subject to meeting the  
criteria for internal examiners prior to the examination.
- 8.42** GRSB2016/A3/8.42, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering  
Professor Sidi-Mohammed Senouci, University of Burgundy  
Approved
- 8.43** GRSB2016/A3/8.43, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering  
Dr Matthew Armstrong, Newcastle University  
Approved

- 8.44** GRSB2016/A3/8.44, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering  
Dr Stephen Shannon, North Carolina State University, USA  
Approved, noted that the confirmation to the PhD register was also approved at this meeting and that the School should be advised that the confirmation/transfer process should be conducted within the appropriate timeframe.
- 8.45** GRSB2016/A3/8.45, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering  
Professor Dimitra Simeonidou, University of Bristol  
Approved
- 8.46** GRSB2016/A3/8.46, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering  
Professor Zhili Sun, University of Surrey  
Approved
- 8.47** GRSB2016/A3/8.47, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance  
Professor Stuart Fairclough, Edge Hill University, UK  
Approved
- 8.48** GRSB2016/A3/8.48, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance  
Dr Steve Thomas, University of Birmingham  
Approved
- 8.49** GRSB2016/A3/8.49, PhD, School of Law and Government  
Dr Mary-Lee Rhodes, Trinity College Dublin  
Approved, subject to the supervising and examining experience of the External Examiner being confirmed (Section 5 on the form)
- 8.50** GRSB2016/A3/8.50, MEng, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
Dr Sean Moore, University of Limerick  
Approved
- 8.51** GRSB2016/A3/8.51, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
Dr Mamdud Hossain, Robert Gordon University, Scotland  
Approved
- 8.52** GRSB2016/A3/8.52, MEng, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
Professor Luigi Maria Galantucci, Polytechnic University of Bari, Italy  
Approved
- 8.53** GRSB2016/A3/8.53, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering  
Dr Karthikeyan Palani, VIT University Chennai, India  
Approved, subject to establishing with the School whether an External Examiner from a closer location could be nominated

- 8.54** GRSB2016/A3/8.54, PhD, School of Nursing and Human Sciences  
Dr Rik Loose, Dublin Business School  
Approved
- 8.55** GRSB2016/A3/8.55, PhD, School of Nursing and Human Sciences  
Professor Siobhan O’Neill, University of Ulster  
Approved
- 8.56** GRSB2016/A3/8.56, PhD, School of Nursing and Human Sciences  
Dr Renee Flacking, Dalarna University, Sweden  
Approved
- 8.57** GRSB2016/A3/8.57, DPsych, School of Nursing and Human Sciences  
Professor Michael Murray, Keele University, UK  
Approved
- 8.58** GRSB2016/A3/8.58, PhD, School of Physical Sciences  
Professor Andrew Murray, The University of Manchester  
Approved
- 8.59** GRSB2016/A3/8.59, DMusPerf, Royal Irish Academy of Music  
Professor Robert Hatten, University of Texas, USA  
Approved
- 8.60** GRSB2016/A3/8.60, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Dr Mike Casey, University College Dublin  
Approved
- 8.61** GRSB2016/A3/8.61, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences  
Professor Peter Dockery, National University of Ireland, Galway  
Approved

**9. Other Student Issues**

There were no items for consideration.

**10. Any Other Business**

There were no items for consideration.

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

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

**Date of next meeting:**

Thursday 19 May 2016  
at 9.30 a.m. in A204