

GRADUATE RESEARCH STUDIES BOARD

MINUTES

Monday 4 September 2017

9.30 am – 13:00 pm in A204

Present: Dr Joseph Stokes (Chair), Professor David Jacobson, Dr Charlotte Holland, Ms Margaret Irwin-Bannon (Secretary), Ms Rachel, Keegan, Ms Roisin Morris-Drennan, Dr Mark Roantree, Mr Allan Stevenson, Dr Ana Terrés, Dr Blánaid White

Apologies: Ms Michelle Brennan, Ms Carol Grehan, Dr Caroline McMullan, Professor Eugene McNulty, Dr Mary Rose Sweeney, Dr Tim McCormac

SECTION A: MINUTES AND RELATED ISSUES

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the following:

- The addition of 7.51, PGR4, School of Human Development and 8.26, PGR14, School of Health and Human Performance
- To note that item 8.24 is a duplicate form
- The addition of one item under AOB

2. Minutes of the meeting of 22 June 2017

The minutes of the meeting of 22 June 2017, were noted and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of 22 June 2017

- 3.1** It was noted that the Chair was due to give a presentation to Heads of School and Deans of Faculty and he intended to propose reciprocal arrangements between Schools and across Faculties in order to address the difficulties some Schools are having in ensuring a gender mix in the composition of examining panels (Item 3.7).
- 3.2** It was noted that work to align the *Academic Roles and Responsibilities in Graduate Research* document with the newly approved document *Guidance on the appointment and remit of the Independent Panel member* is completed (Item 3.9).
- 3.3** It was noted that work with respect to the follow-up with Faculties on specific changes to structured doctoral pathways is ongoing (Item 4).
- 3.4** It was noted that specific items related to structured doctoral pathways were clarified as follows:
- (i) It was confirmed that HR601 will not run and the structured doctoral pathways, which include the module, have been updated to reflect this.
 - (ii) It was confirmed that the module NS5055: SNHS Qualitative Summer School, will run in 2017-2018 and students will be advised to register with Registry and also separately with the Summer School
 - (iii) Consistency in the use of structured doctoral pathway template will be addressed in 2018
 - (iv) A meeting of a sub-group of GRSB will meet to consider Examination Boards and GTE modules
 - (v) It was confirmed that the module GS602A will not be offered until Semester 2. It was noted that this may be an issue for first year Irish Research Council funded (IRC) students who are required to engage in tutoring in Semester 1.
 - (vi) Communication is ongoing with the School of Mathematics with respect to the structured doctoral pathway template.
- 3.5** It was noted that the Graduate Studies Office will, in as far as possible, facilitate part-time research students by running evening programmes on different campuses (Item 5).
- 3.6** It was noted that additional work is ongoing with respect to preparing Recital/ Performance Guidelines for the MA through Creative or Performance Practice (Item 3.2)
- 3.7** It was noted that work on the Residing Abroad Principles document is ongoing. It is anticipated that an updated document will be drafted, considered by a sub-group of GRSB and available for consideration by GRSB at a future meeting (3.3).
- 3.8** It was noted that discussions are ongoing with respect to a Joint Supervision Agreement with the University of Southampton (Item 3.4).

- 3.9** It was noted that an investigation of mechanisms for the awarding of credits to students for the completion of the Research Integrity module is ongoing (Item 3.6).
- 3.10** It was noted that more detailed descriptors for five new GTE modules (approved in principle by GRBSB at its meeting of 18 May 2017), which will be part of the structure of the DCU Institute of Education PhD/ Master's by Research Pathway are on the agenda of this meeting (Item 3.8).
- 3.11** It was noted that the clarification required with respect to GTE module PS525 had been received (confirmation of Faculty approval and clarification on resit categories) and the item was completed (Item 4.2.1)
- 3.12** It was noted that the clarification required with respect to GTE module, Advanced Academic Writing (Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences) had been provided and the module was approved by Chair's Action, 3 August 2017 (Item 4.2.1)
- 3.13** It was noted that the clarification had been provided with respect to the memo outlining the arrangements for students conducting research abroad registered on the Doctor of Education (flexible mode) and the item was deemed completed. It was noted that the availability of library facilities to students abroad will be addressed through the Residing Abroad Principles document which is in preparation (Item 6).
- 3.14** It was noted that clarification had been provided with respect to the conduct of the transfer examination for a candidate in the School of Biotechnology and the transfer/confirmation on the PhD register (PGR3) for this candidate was now completed (Item 7.3).
- 3.15** It was noted that the notification of intention to submit form (PGR4) for a candidate in the School of Computing was deemed approved following a response from the School with respect to the gender mix of the examining panel (Item 8.4).
- 3.16** It was noted that the request for an extension to the maximum registration period (PGR14) form for a candidate in the School of Biotechnology was deemed complete upon receipt of signatures on the form (Item 9.1).
- 3.17** It was noted that a re-submitted notification of intention to submit form (PGR4) for a candidate in the School of Stem Education, Innovation and Global Studies was approved by Chair's Action, 27 June 2017.
- 3.18** It was noted that a notification of intention to submit form (PGR4) for a candidate in the School of Law and Government was approved by Chair's Action, 13 July 2017.
- 3.19** It was noted that an application for retrospective deferral (2016-2017) for a candidate in the School of Policy and Practice was approved by Chair's Action, 17 July 2017.

- 3.20** It was noted that a request from the School of Communications to hold a *viva voce* by video conferencing was approved electronically by GRSB on 27 July 2017.
- 3.21** It was noted that a notification of intention to submit form (PGR4), which had expired, for a candidate in the School of Biotechnology was approved by Chair's Action, 4 August 2017.

4. Graduate Researcher Development

4.1 IE601: Applying Mixed Methods Approaches to Educational Research

Approved for delivery in 2017-2018 subject to review for 2018-2019

It was noted that in order to accommodate the insertion of the module title into the student record system, the short-title of the module will change to 'Mixed Methods Approaches in Educational Research' and the long title, as noted above will remain the same.

4.2 IE602: Applying Qualitative Approaches to Educational Research

Approved for delivery in 2017-2018 subject to review for 2018-2019

It was noted that in order to accommodate the insertion of the module title into the student record system, the short-title of the module will change to 'Qualitative Approaches in Educational Research' and the long title, as noted above will remain the same.

4.3 IE603: Applying Quantitative Research Methods to Educational Research

Approved for delivery in 2017-2018 subject to review for 2018-2019

It was noted that in order to accommodate the insertion of the module title into the student record system, the short-title of the module will change to 'Quantitative Research Methods in Educational Research' and the long title, as noted above will remain the same.

4.4 IE604: Research Design 1

Approved

It was noted that, as the module co-ordinator for each of the modules IE601-IE603 had not yet been assigned, the content of the modules did not have sufficient detail, specifically with respect to assessment and workload. It was anticipated that module co-ordinators would be assigned during September 2017 and it was agreed that the modules would be reviewed by GRSB for delivery in 2018-2019.

5. Membership of GRSB and GRSB Standing Committee to Consider Appeals

5.1 Change to Terms of Reference and Standing Orders membership section

The Secretary outlined that the proposed change to the membership of GRSB was to regularise the situation with respect to Registry membership. It was proposed that rather than being a co-opted member, the senior member of the Registry Student Award's team would be added to the membership list. This was agreed.

5.2 Confirmation of membership of GRSB Standing Committee to consider appeals

The membership of the GRSB Standing Committee to consider appeals was approved.

SECTION C: Individual student issues

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

6.1 GRSB2017/A6/6.1, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved, subject to clarification that both the principal supervisor and internal examiner conducted the oral and written examination.

6.2 GRSB2017/A6/6.2, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved

6.3 GRSB2017/A6/6.3, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Approved

6.4 GRSB2017/A6/6.4, Master's, School of Biotechnology, NICB
Approved

6.5 GRSB2017/A6/6.5, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved

6.6 GRSB2017/A6/6.6, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved

6.7 GRSB2017/A6/6.7, PhD, School of Communications
Approved

- 6.8** GRSB2017/A6/6.8, PhD, School of Communications
Decision deferred. Clarification is required from the School that an oral examination took place and more specific detailed information on the oral examination is to be provided. The updated submission will be considered under Chair's Action.
- 6.9** GRSB2017/A6/6.9, PhD, School of Communications
Approved
- 6.10** GRSB2017/A6/6.10, PhD, School of Computing
Approved
- 6.11** GRSB2017/A6/6.11, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Decision deferred. It is noted that the confirmation on the PhD register (PGR3) and the notification of intention to submit (PGR4) for this candidate were submitted at the same time for the approval of GRSB (see item 7.20). It is to be clarified with the School of Electronic Engineering when the confirmation onto the PhD register examination was conducted. Subject to clarification as outlined Chair's action may be taken.
- 6.12** GRSB2017/A6/6.12, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved
- 6.13** GRSB2017/A6/6.13, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved
- 6.14** GRSB2017/A6/6.14, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved, subject to clarification that both the principal supervisor and internal examiner conducted the written and oral examination
- 6.15** GRSB2017/A6/6.15, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 6.16** GRSB2017/A6/6.16, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 6.17** GRSB2017/A6/6.17, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved, subject to submission of more detailed reports with respect to the written and oral examination for the consideration of the Chair
- 6.18** GRSB2017/A6/6.18, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 6.19** GRSB2017/A6/6.19, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved subject to clarification on whether or not the form under consideration is a re-submission

- 6.20** GRSB2017/A6/6.20, PhD, School of Mathematical Sciences
Approved, subject to correction of the wording on the form with respect to the oral examination
- 6.21** GRSB2017/A6/6.21, PhD, School of Nursing and Human Sciences
Approved
- 6.22** GRSB2017/A6/6.22, PhD, School of Nursing and Human Sciences
It is noted that the outcome of the transfer/confirmation process is that the student undergoes a second transfer assessment by the end of December 2017. It is to be clarified if this is the intended outcome for approval; Section D as it is completed currently on the form, indicates otherwise.
- 6.23** GRSB2017/A6/6.23, Master's, School of Nursing and Human Sciences
Approved
- 6.24** GRSB2017/A6/6.24, PhD, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies
Approved
- 6.25** GRSB2017/A6/6.25, PhD, School of STEM Education, Innovation and Global Studies
Approved
- 6.26** GRSB2017/A6/6.26, PhD, School of Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved subject to submission of more detailed reports with respect to the written and oral examination

7. Appointment of internal and external examiners (PGR4)

- 7.1** GRSB2017/A6/7.1, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Dr Maria Inmaculada Polo López, CIEMAT-Plataforma Solar de Almeria, Spain
Approved
- 7.2** GRSB2017/A6/7.2, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Dr Michael Monaghan, Trinity College Dublin
Approved, subject to change of Independent Chairperson
- 7.3** GRSB2017/A6/7.3, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Professor Bernard Mahon, Maynooth University
Approved, the School is to be requested to address, if possible, the gender mix of the examining panel through the appointment of the Independent Chair

- 7.4** GRSB2017/A6/7.4, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Professor Aideen Long, Trinity College Dublin/James's Hospital
Approved
- 7.5** GRSB2017/A6/7.5, PhD, DCU Business School
Dr Georg Mickhael, University of Wollongong, Australia
Approved
- 7.6** GRSB2017/A6/7.6, PhD, DCU Business School
Dr Geraldine Ryan, University College Cork
Approved
- 7.7** GRSB2017/A6/7.7, PhD, DCU Business School
Professor James H. Davis, Utah State University
Approved, subject to confirmation from the School that a suitable external examiner in a closer geographical location cannot be identified
- 7.8** GRSB2017/A6/7.8, PhD, DCU Business School
Dr Ann Ledwith, University of Limerick
Approved
- 7.9** GRSB2017/A6/7.9, PhD, DCU Business School
Dr Su-Ming Khoo, NUI Galway
Approved
- 7.10** GRSB2017/A6/7.10, MPhil, DCU Business School
Professor Patrick Gunnigle, University of Limerick
Approved
- 7.11** GRSB2017/A6/7.11, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Professor Ciara O'Sullivan, Universitat Rovira i Virgili, Spain
Approved. It is to be confirmed in which format the student is submitting.
- 7.12** GRSB2017/A6/7.12, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Dr Fawaz Aldabbagh, Kingston University, UK
Approved
- 7.13** GRSB2017/A6/7.13, PhD, School of Communications
Dr Christopher Pullen, Bournemouth University
Approved
- 7.14** GRSB2017/A6/7.14, PhD, School of Communications
Professor Timothy Ingold, University of Aberdeen
Approved. It is noted that this is the first PhD by Artefact due to be examined.

- 7.15** GRSB2017/A6/7.15, PhD, School of Communications
Professor Alison Anderson, Plymouth University
Approved
Professor John Sweeney, Maynooth University
Approved
- 7.16** GRSB2017/A6/7.16, PhD, School of Computing
Professor Rafael Molina, University of Granada, Spain
Approved
- 7.17** GRSB2017/A6/7.17, PhD, School of Computing
Dr Mikel Forcada, University of Alicante, Spain
Approved, subject to the appointment of an Independent Chair
- 7.18** GRSB2017/A6/7.18, PhD, School of Computing
Dr Gregory Grefenstette, Florida Institute for Human and Machine Cognition (IHMC)
Approved
- 7.19** GRSB2017/A6/7.19, PhD, School of Computing
Professor Wilhelm Hasselbring, University of Kiel, Germany
Approved
- 7.20** GRSB2017/A6/7.20, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Professor Martyn Pemble, Tyndall National Institute and University College Cork
Approval of the notification of intention to submit is conditional on confirmation that the transfer/confirmation on the PhD register was held at an earlier date than that indicated on the submission (Please see item 6.11). To comply with regulations it is requested that an alternative Independent Chair is nominated.
- 7.21** GRSB2017/A6/7.31, MSc, School of Health and Human Performance
Dr Tara Coppinger, Cork Institute of Technology
Not approved, GRSB is not in a position to determine the supervision and examination experience of the nominated external examiner as the section of the form has not been completed. In any future submission the School is to be asked to address, if possible, the gender mix of the examining panel.
- 7.22** GRSB2017/A6/7.22, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Dr Eamonn Delahunty, University College Dublin
Approved
Dr Kate Button, Cardiff University
Approved

- 7.23** GR SB2017/A6/7.23, MSc, School of Health and Human Performance
 Dr Wesley O'Brien, University College Cork
Not approved as the external examiner does not meet the requirements of the Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Research in terms of independence from the University
- 7.24** GR SB2017/A6/7.24, PhD, School of History and Geography
 Dr Marie Coleman, Queen's University Belfast
Not Approved, as the candidate for examination does not meet the minimum registration requirements as specified in the Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis
- 7.25** GR SB2017/A6/7.25, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
 Dr Patricia Kiernan, Mary Immaculate College, University of Limerick
Approved
- 7.26** GR SB2017/A6/7.26, PhD, School of Human Development
 Professor Stan Tucker, Newman University Birmingham
 Professor Hildegunn Fandrem, University of Stavanger, Norway
Not approved as the candidate for examination does not meet the minimum registration requirements as specified in the Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis
- It is requested that the form is resubmitted for the 19 October 2017 meeting of GR SB, when a case for early submission can be made. It is also requested that it is confirmed whether or not the candidate is a staff member.
- 7.27** GR SB2017/A6/7.27, MA, School of Informatics and Creative Arts, DKIT
 Dr Eileen Hogan, University College Cork
Approved
- 7.28** GR SB2017/A6/7.28, PhD, School of Law and Government
 Dr Rico Isaacs, Oxford Brooks University
Approved. It is to be confirmed in which format the student is submitting.
- 7.29** GR SB2017/A6/7.29, PhD, School of Law and Government
 Professor Willem van Schendel, University of Amsterdam
Approved. It is requested that an Independent Chair is nominated and that the gender mix of the examining panel, if possible is addressed, through this nomination.
- 7.30** GR SB2017/A6/7.30, PhD, School of Law and Government
 Professor Adrienne Héritier, European University Institute, Italy
Approved

- 7.31** GRSB2017/A6/7.31, PhD, School of Law and Government
Professor Yvonne Galligan, Queen’s University Belfast
Approved. The School is to be requested to confirm whether or not the candidate for examination is a member of staff
- 7.32** GRSB2017/A6/7.32, PhD, School of Law and Government
Professor Georgina Waylen, University of Manchester
Approved
- 7.33** GRSB2017/A6/7.33, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Mamdud Hossain, Robert Gordon University Aberdeen
Approved
- 7.34** GRSB2017/A6/7.34, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Professor Sofiane Khelladi, Engineering School, Paris
Approved. It is to be confirmed in which format the student is submitting.
- 7.35** GRSB2017/A6/7.35, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Chiara Mandolino, Genoa University, Italy
Approved in the exceptional circumstances of this case and subject to clarification of the number of doctoral students supervised by the nominated external examiner to completion. It was noted that minimum registration requirements apply only from the date of initial registration: any work undertaken prior to this is not deemed to contribute to the registration period for this purpose.
- 7.36** GRSB2017/A6/7.36, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Allan Rennie, Lancaster University
Approved
- 7.37** GRSB2017/A6/7.37, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Marta Castillejo Striano, Institute of Physical Chemistry “Rocasoiano”, Spain
Approved
- 7.38** GRSB2017/A6/7.38, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Peter Tiernan, University of Limerick
Approved
- 7.39** GRSB2017/A6/7.39, PhD, School of Nursing and Human Sciences
Professor Todd Migliaccio, California State University
Approved
- 7.40** GRSB2017/A6/7.40, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Dr Jennifer Riedl Cross, College of William and Mary, USA
Approved subject to confirmation of the eligibility of the nominated internal examiner

- 7.41** GRSB2017/A6/7.41, DMusPerf, Royal Irish Academy of Music
Professor Harry White, University College Dublin
Approved
- 7.42** GRSB2017/A6/7.42, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Professor Tracy Robson, Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland
Approved
- 7.43** GRSB2017/A6/7.43, MSc, School of Biotechnology
Professor J Tony Pembroke, University of Limerick
Approved
- 7.44** GRSB2017/A6/7.44, PhD, DCU Business School
Professor Denis Harrington, Waterford Institute of Technology
Approved
- 7.45** GRSB2017/A6/7.45, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Professor Michael J Hannon, University of Birmingham
Approved
- 7.46** GRSB2017/A6/7.46, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Professor David Lloyd, Griffith University, Australia
Approved subject to confirmation from the School that a suitable external examiner in a closer geographical location cannot be identified
- 7.47** GRSB2017/A6/7.47, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Professor Kristian Thorborg, University of Copenhagen
Approved. The School is to be requested to address the gender mix of the examining panel, if possible, through the appointment of the Independent Chair.
- 7.48** GRSB2017/A6/7.48, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Dimitrios Zeugolis, NUI Galway
Approved
- 7.49** GRSB2017/A6/7.49, MEng, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Professor Donna Marshall, University College Dublin
Approved
- 7.50** GRSB2017/A6/7.50, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Professor Ruth Carrasco Gallego, Technical University of Madrid
Approved subject to change of Independent Chairperson

- 7.51** GRSB2017/A6/8.51, PhD, School of Human Development
Professor Peter Smith, University of London
Decision pending subject to submission of completed R103 form (Change of Supervisory and/or Panel Member Arrangements) to confirm supervisory panel
- 8. Request for Extension to Maximum Registration Period OR Re-admission to the Research Programme (PGR14)**
- 8.1** GRSB2017/A6/8.1, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.2** GRSB2017/A6/8.2, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved, subject to update of the submitted form
- 8.3** GRSB2017/A6/8.3, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.4** GRSB2017/A6/8.4, MPhil, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.5** GRSB2017/A6/8.5, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved
- 8.6** GRSB2017/A6/8.6, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved
- 8.7** GRSB2017/A6/8.7, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved, subject to completion of Sections C and D of the form by the principal supervisor
- 8.8** GRSB2017/A6/8.8, EdD, School of Inclusive and Special Education
Approved
- 8.9** GRSB2017/A6/8.9, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 8.10** GRSB2017/A6/8.10, PhD, School of Law and Government
Approved
- 8.11** GRSB2017/A6/8.11, PhD, School of Mathematical Sciences
Approved

- 8.12** GRSB2017/A6/8.12, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 8.13** GRSB2017/A6/8.13, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 8.14** GRSB2017/A6/8.14, PhD, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved
- 8.15** GRSB2017/A6/8.15, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved
- 8.16** GRSB2017/A6/8.16, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.17** GRSB2017/A6/8.17, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.18** GRSB2017/A6/8.18, PhD, DCU Business School
Approved
- 8.19** GRSB2017/A6/8.19, PhD, School of History and Geography/Theology, Philosophy and Music
Approved, subject to completion of Sections C and D of the form by the principal supervisor
- 8.20** GRSB2017/A6/8.20, PhD, School of Human Development
Approved
- 8.21** GRSB2017/A6/8.22, PhD, School of Inclusive and Special Education
Approved
- 8.22** GRSB2017/A6/8.22, EdD, DCU Institute of Education
Approved
- 8.23** GRSB2017/A6/8.23, PhD, School of Law and Government
Decision deferred Sections C and D of the form to be completed by the principal supervisor. The resubmitted form will be considered under Chair's Action
- 8.24** GRSB2017/A6/8.24, PhD, School of Law and Government
Duplicate, approved above under item 8.9

8.25 GRSB2017/A6/8.25, PhD, School of Nursing and Human Sciences
Approved, subject to completion of Sections C and D of the form by the principal supervisor

8.26 GRSB2017/A6/8.26, PhD, School of Health and Human Performance
Approved

9. Other student issues

There were no other student issues for consideration.

10. Any other business

10.1 Doras

The Associate Dean for Research in the DCU Institute of Education informed GRSB that Doras has not yet been upgraded to include the DCU Institute of Education and any thesis uploaded by the Institute in the last nine months can only be found under the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and the School of Education Studies (as was). The matter is being dealt with by DCU Library.

10.2 Departure of the Director of Research and Innovation Support

Dr Ana Terrés announced her departure from DCU to GRSB and noted that she would be replaced on GRSB. The Chair thanked her most sincerely for her contribution to the Board over the extensive period of time she had served on the Board.

Date of next meeting:

Thursday 19 October 2017

at 9.30 a.m. in A204