

GRADUATE STUDIES BOARD

MINUTES

Thursday 2 September 2010

9.00-11.10 a.m. in A204

Present: Professor Gary Murphy (Chair), Ms Gillian Barry,
Dr Françoise Blin, Dr Dermot Brabazon, Dr Pat Brereton,
Professor John Costello, Ms Hannah Dyas, Dr Gabriel Flynn,
Dr Bernadette Flanagan, Ms Mairéad Guinan, Ms Tanya Keogh,
Ms Louise McDermott (Secretary), Dr Ciarán Mac Murchaidh,
Ms Patricia Moore, Dr Anne Morrissey

In attendance: Dr Siobhain McGovern

Apologies: Dr Christine Loscher, Professor Colm O’Gorman, Dr Declan Raftery

The Chair welcomed Dr Ciarán Mac Murchaidh, Director of Research and Humanities in St Patrick’s College, and Dr Anne Morrissey, Chair of the Oscail Research Committee, to their first meeting of the Graduate Studies Board. He also welcomed Dr Siobhain McGovern, who was representing the Associate Dean for Research function in Dublin City University Business School since Professor Colm O’Gorman was unable to be present.

SECTION A: MINUTES AND RELATED ISSUES

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

2. Minutes of the meeting of 1 July 2010

The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

- 3.1 Noted that the PAC system would be used for research application and admissions purposes from the end of 2010, and to this end would undergo testing in October 2010. The Chair extended his congratulations to Ms Barry and the other members of the implementation group. (Item 3.1)
- 3.2 Noted that the module on academic writing skills for research students whose native language is not English, which had been mooted by SALIS, would now not run in 2010/11, but that the Chair intended to discuss the general issue with Dr Claire Bohan, Director of Student Support and Development, to ascertain the possibility of putting English-language supports in place for students in Semester 2 2010/11. (Item 3.2)
- 3.3 Noted that the provision of web-based forms in the Registry would be addressed once the revised *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis* had been approved and implemented. (Item 3.4)
- 3.4 Noted that it was intended to include on PGR3/4 forms a stipulation to the effect that the current role of the internal examiner and the supervisor should be clearly indicated. (Item 3.12)
- 3.5 Agreed that Dr Brabazon would report to the 11 November 2010¹ meeting of the GSB on the situation whereby two external examiners had been nominated for a student where only one was required. It is likely that this was done in error. (Item 3.16)
- 3.6 Agreed that the position with regard to GSB approval of internal examiners would henceforth be that approval would normally be automatic but the GSB would reserve the right to query the appropriateness of a nominee, discuss the issues with the School involved and, if necessary, request that an alternative staff member be nominated. This will be integrated into the revised *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis*. (Item 3.17)
- 3.7 Noted that the issue of early exit from the taught doctoral programme in the Royal Irish Academy of Music would be raised with the RIAM by Professor Anne Scott, the Deputy President/Registrar, in the context of ongoing discussions about other matters. (Item 3.19)
- 3.8 Noted that discussions with a School about the brevity of the report on a student's progress on the PGR3 form were in hand. (Item 4.3)

¹ Rescheduled from 4 November 2010.

- 3.9** Noted that the Chair had discussed with a Head of School the issue of brevity of reports on students' progress on PGR3 forms and that the situation had improved very significantly. (Items 4.11, 4.12, 4.13 and 4.14)
- 3.10** Noted that a School had confirmed that a student who had been required to fulfil certain conditions prior to being confirmed on the PhD register had fulfilled them. (Item 4.15)
- 3.11** Noted that the Chair had discussed with a Head of School the brevity of a report on a student's progress on a PGR3 form. No further such forms have been received from the School since then. (Item 4.19)
- 3.12** Noted that confirmation was awaited that the word length of a student's thesis was appropriate for the award being sought. (Item 5.13)
- 3.13** Noted that it had been confirmed that the word lengths of students' theses were appropriate for the awards being sought. (Items 5.18 and 5.25)
- 3.14** Noted that confirmation had been received that a student is no longer registered with the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and clarification of the student's registration status in DCU had also been made available. (Item 7.1)
- 3.15** Noted that Professor Anne Scott, the Deputy President/Registrar, had advised that 2.5-credit modules could be used in the context of Graduate Training Elements for 2010/11. The Chair undertook to raise the general issues relating to 2.5-credit modules at the University Standards Committee meeting of 30 September 2010. (Items 8.1 and 8.2)
- 3.16** Noted that the GSB had approved, electronically over July and August 2010, Graduate Training Elements for 2009/10 and 2010/11 for Dublin City University Business School and the Faculty of Humanities and Social Sciences and GTEs for 2010/11 for the Faculty of Engineering and Computing, and that the 2009/10 and 2010/11 GTEs for the Faculty of Science and Health would be made available for electronic approval shortly. (Items 8.3 and 8.4)
- 3.17** Noted that the project to implement the management system for GTEs was due for completion by October 2010 and that it covered GTEs within DCU, with further work needing to be carried out at a future date to cover arrangements for the provision of GTEs by DCU to students from other institutions and by other institutions to DCU students. Noted that work to agree formats and procedures for the production of broadsheets and transcripts was in progress. The Chair, on behalf of the GSB, expressed his thanks to Ms Claudine Devereux of the Registry,

- Ms Tanya Keogh of the OVPR and the other members of the implementation group. Agreed that it would be helpful to have an additional, single-issue, GSB meeting in April of each year to approve GTE structures. Noted that the time period provided each September for research students to register appeared to be short and that there was a possibility that there would be insufficient opportunities for students to consult supervisors about their choice of GTEs. Ms Barry undertook to raise this matter in the implementation group. (Item 8.6)
- 3.18** Noted, in respect of issues that had arisen for a student with regard to copyright of images in the copy of the thesis lodged with DORAS, that while the student in question had resolved the difficulties others were likely to experience similar difficulties in future and that these would be exacerbated by financial considerations in so far as copyright for images would have to be purchased. (Item 9)
- 3.19** Noted that Dr Mac Murchaidh would pursue the issue of the proposed Memorandum of Understanding, in respect of the supervision and award of a research degree, between St Patrick's College and Dundalk Institute of Technology. Noted that a potentially similar issue was under discussion between St Patrick's College and University College Cork. Agreed that a standard template MoU for use in such situations would be very helpful. (Item 10)

SECTION B: INDIVIDUAL STUDENT ISSUES

- 4. Applications for transfer to the PhD register or confirmation on the PhD register**
- 4.1 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.1, School of Biotechnology/NICB
Approved subject to confirmation about the role of the internal examiner in DCU.
- 4.2 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.2, Dublin City University Business School
Approved.
- 4.3 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.3, Dublin City University Business School
Approved.
- 4.4 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.4, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 4.5 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.5, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 4.6 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.6, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 4.7 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.7, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 4.8 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.8, School of Communications
Approved.

- 4.9 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.9, School of Computing
Approved.
- 4.10 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.10, School of Computing
Approved.
- 4.11 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.11, School of Computing
Approved.
- 4.12 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.12, School of Computing
Approved.
- 4.13 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.13, School of Computing
Approved.
- 4.14 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.14, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 4.15 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.15, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 4.16 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.16, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 4.17 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.17, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 4.18 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.18, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 4.19 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.19, School of Electronic Engineering/RINCE
Approved.
- 4.20 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.20, School of Law & Government
Approved.
- 4.21 Student ref. GSB2010/A5/4.21, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing
Engineering
Approved.
- 4.22 Student ref. GSB2010/A5/4.22, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing
Engineering
Approved.
- 4.23 Student ref. GSB2010/A5/4.23, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing
Engineering
Approved.
- 4.24 Student ref. GSB2010/A5/4.24, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing
Engineering
Approved.
- 4.25 Student ref. GSB2010/A5/4.25, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.
- 4.26 Student ref. GSB2010/A5/4.26, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.

- 4.27 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/4.27, School of Computing
Approved.

Noted that some staff members appeared still to be coming to terms with the concept of PhD track.

Noted that it would be necessary for the GSB to advert to all instances of students completing early to ensure that this was justified and, if not, to make recommendations accordingly.

5. Appointment of external examiners

- 5.1 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.1, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Professor Franz Pöchhacker, University of Vienna
Approved.
- 5.2 Student ref. GSB/2010/A4/5.2, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Professor Lies Sercu, Katholieke Universiteit Leuven
Approved.
- 5.3 Student ref. GSB/20106/A5/5.3, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Dr Paul Bennett, University of Manchester
Approved.
- 5.4 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.4, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Professor Juliane House, University of Hamburg
Approved.
- 5.5 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.5, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Professor Hitoshi Isahara, Toyohashi University of Technology, Japan
Approved.
- 5.6 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.6, MA, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Professor Jean-Michel Picard, University College Dublin
Approved.
- 5.7 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.7, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Dr Maria Tuohy, National University of Ireland, Galway
Approved subject to confirmation that the word length of the thesis was appropriate for the award being sought.
- 5.8 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.8, PhD, NICB, School of Biotechnology
Dr Augusto Pessina, University of Milan
Approved.

- 5.9 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.9, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Dr Carmel Hensey, University College Dublin
Approved.
- 5.10 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.10, PhD, School of Biotechnology
Professor Anna Nicolaou, University of Bradford
Decision deferred pending receipt of the PGR3 form, without which the student's registration status cannot be determined.
- 5.11 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.11, PhD, School of Biotechnology/NICB
Dr Jun Qu, University at Buffalo, New York
Approved subject to confirmation about the role of the internal examiner in DCU.
- 5.12 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.12, PhD, Dublin City University Business School
Professor Jacqueline Coyle-Shapiro, London School of Economics and Political Science
Approved.
- 5.13 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.13, MBS, Dublin City University Business School
Professor Trevor Hassall, Sheffield Hallam University
Approved.
- 5.14 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.14, MBS, Dublin City University Business School
Professor Nagarajan Ramamoorthy, University of Houston-Victoria
Approved.
- 5.15 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.15, MBS, Dublin City University Business School
Professor Björn Axelsson, Stockholm School of Economics
Approved subject to confirmation that the student is not a staff member also and clarification of the statement on the PGR4 form that the award being sought is MSc (whereas Business students are normally awarded MBS).
- 5.16 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.16, MBS, Dublin City University
Dr Don Bredin, University College Dublin
Approved.
- 5.17 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.17, PhD, Dublin City University Business School
Professor Seán Ó Riain, National University of Ireland, Maynooth
Approved.
- 5.18 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.18, PhD, Dublin City University Business School
Professor George Balabanis, Cass Business School, City University London
Approved.

- 5.19 Student ref. GSB/20106/A5/5.19, MBS, Dublin City University Business School
Dr Johannes Coetzee, Northumbria University
Not approved, on the grounds that the nominee was a staff member of DCU within the last five years. Agreed that the School would be requested to identify an alternative nominee.
- 5.20 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.20, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Dr Brendan Keely, University of York
Approved subject to the provision of an appropriate list of publications.
- 5.21 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.21, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Dr Benjamin Buckley, Loughborough University
Approved subject to confirmation that the student is not a staff member also.
- 5.22 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.22, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Dr Grace Morgan, University College Dublin
Approved subject to confirmation that the word length of the thesis is appropriate for the award being sought.
- 5.23 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.23, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Dr John Walsh, Trinity College Dublin
Approved subject to the provision of information about the date of entry of the student to the research programme.
- 5.24 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.24, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences/NCSR
Dr Declan McCormack, Dublin Institute of Technology
Approved.
- 5.25 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5.5.25, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences/BDI
Dr Andrew Doherty, Queen's University Belfast
Approved.
- 5.26 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.26, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences/BDI
Professor David Schiffrin, University of Liverpool
Approved.
- 5.27 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.27, PhD, School of Communications
Professor Rich Ling, University of Colorado
Approved.
- 5.28 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.28, PhD, School of Computing
Professor Gerhard Weber, University of Technology Dresden
Approved.
- 5.29 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.29, PhD, School of Computing
Professor Yang W Lee, Northeastern University, Boston
Approved.
- 5.30 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.30, PhD, School of Computing
Dr Stefan Manegold, Centre for Mathematics and Computer Science, Amsterdam
Approved.

- 5.31 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.31, PhD, School of Computing
Professor Riccardo Bettati, Texas A&M University
Approved.
- 5.32 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.32, EdD, School of Education Studies
Professor Máirtín Ó Fathaigh, University College Cork
Approved.
- 5.33 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.33, EdD, School of Education Studies
Dr Anne Walsh, NUI Galway
Approved subject to the provision of an appropriate list of publications.
- 5.34 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.34, EdD, School of Education Studies
Dr Tim Murphy, Leeds Metropolitan University
Dr Anne Walsh, NUI Galway
Approved subject to the provision of an appropriate list of publications by
Dr Walsh. The nomination of Dr Murphy is approved.
- 5.35 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.35, PhD, School of Education Studies
Dr Richard Boyle, Institute of Public Administration
Approved.
- 5.36 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.36, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Professor John Kelly, Trinity College Dublin
Approved.
- 5.37 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.37, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Professor Alison Noble, University of Oxford
Approved subject to confirmation that the word length of the thesis is
appropriate for the award being sought.
- 5.38 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.38, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Professor Abdellah Touhafi, Erasmus University College and Free Brussels
University
Approved.
- 5.39 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.39, PhD, School of Electronic Engineering
Dr Michael Joy, University of Warwick
Approved.
- 5.40 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.40, PhD, School of Health & Human
Performance
Dr Donna Tedstone Doherty, Health Research Board
Not approved. The School is to be requested to identify an alternative
nominee with a professional profile more consonant with the subject-matter
of the thesis.
- 5.41 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.41, MA, School of Law and Government
Professor Yvonne Galligan, Queen's University Belfast
Approved.

- 5.42 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.42, PhD, School of Law and Government
Dr Pádraig Carmody, Trinity College Dublin
Not approved, on the grounds that the nominee was a staff member of DCU within the last five years. Noted that the School had been requested to identify an alternative nominee.
- 5.43 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5, PhD/5.43, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Mario Rosso, Politecnico di Torino
Approved subject to confirmation that the student is not a staff member also.
- 5.44 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.44, MEng, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Vincent Casey, University of Limerick
Approved.
- 5.45 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.45, MEng, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Vincent Casey, University of Limerick
Approved.
- 5.46 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.46, MSc, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
Professor Shahjahan Mridha, International Islamic University, Malaysia
Approved.
- 5.47 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.47, MSc, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
Professor Shahjahan Mridha, International Islamic University, Malaysia
Approved.
- 5.48 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.48, MSc, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
Professor Joseph McGeough, University of Edinburgh
Approved.
- 5.49 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.49, PhD, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
Dr Martin Strangwood, University of Birmingham
Approved.
- 5.50 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.50, PhD, School of Mechanical & Manufacturing Engineering
Professor Darina Murray, Trinity College Dublin
Approved.
- 5.51 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.51, PhD, School of Physical Sciences
Professor George King, University of Manchester
Approved.
- 5.52 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.52, MA, All Hallows College
Dr Thomas Grenham, Boston College
Approved.

- 5.53 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.53, PhD, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Dr Angela Thomas, University of Tasmania
Approved.
- 5.54 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/5.54, PhD, School of Chemical Sciences
Professor Andrew Ewing, University of Gothenburg
Approved subject to the provision of the abstract.

Noted that the section of the PGR4 form which indicates the contact details of the nominated external examiner does not always contain the name of the institution in which the examiner is employed, and agreed that it would be desirable if this information were provided in all cases, for ease of reference.

Noted that it should not be assumed that a very senior external examiner nominee has extensive external examining experience because, in certain cases, an examiner's professional life would not allow for many opportunities for this.

Noted that, while there was nothing of a regulatory nature to preclude the nomination of the same individual as external examiner for two students around the same time, it might not necessarily be a desirable practice because, in the (ideally rare) cases of unsatisfactory performance there would be no opportunity to learn from a first experience. Agreed that the Chair would mention this to the Schools currently making nominations in this way.

6. Requests for changes to supervisory arrangements

- 6.1 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.1, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 6.2 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.2, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 6.3 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.3, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 6.4 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.4, School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies
Approved.
- 6.5 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.5, School of Biotechnology
Approved subject to the form being signed by the student.
- 6.6 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.6, School of Biotechnology/NICB
Approved.

- 6.7 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.7, Dublin City University Business School
Approved.
- 6.8 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.8, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.9 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.9, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.10 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.10, School of Education Studies
Decision deferred pending discussion between the Chair and the School about the future role of the proposed new supervisor in DCU.
- 6.11 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.11, School of Education Studies
Decision deferred pending discussion between the Chair and the School about the future role of the proposed new supervisor in DCU.
- 6.12 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.12, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 6.13 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.13, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 6.14 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.14, School of Electronic Engineering
Approved.
- 6.15 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.15, School of Law and Government
Approved subject to the form being signed by the supervisor who is formally withdrawing from supervision.
- 6.16 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.16, School of Nursing
Approved.
- 6.17 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.17, School of Nursing
Approved.
- 6.18 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.18, School of Nursing
Approved.
- 6.19 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.19, School of Nursing
Approved.
- 6.20 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.20, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.21 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.21, School of Physical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.22 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.22, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved subject to the form being signed by the student.
- 6.23 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.23, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved.
- 6.24 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.24, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved.

- 6.25 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.25, School of Chemical Sciences
Approved.
- 6.26 Student ref. GSB/2010/A5/6.26, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering
Approved.

It had been noted at the GSB meeting of 6 May 2010 (Item 6) that the introduction of the incentivised early retirement scheme might lead to an increase in requests for changes to supervisory practice, as supervisors took retirement and needed to be replaced. Noted that this indeed appeared to be happening. Agreed that the Chair and the Associate Deans for Research would discuss the issue and approach Heads of School to advise on how to proceed in this situation.

Noted that a trend had developed towards notifying the Registry of changes to supervisory arrangements, usually on a retrospective basis, at a late stage in students' research.

7. Other student issues

7.1 Application for entry on to the third year of a PhD programme

Student ref. GSB/2010/A4/7.1, School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering

Agreed that the student's academic record was impressive; however, concern was expressed at the proposal to admit him to Year 3 of the research programme. Agreed that the School would set up a small short-life working group, to be chaired by Dr Brabazon, to examine the issues in detail and make a further recommendation as to the most appropriate year to which the student might be admitted. Agreed that the Chair would raise the general issues involved at a meeting about Recognition of Prior Learning which he proposed to attend on 13 September and that he would discuss with Professor Anne Scott, the Deputy President/Registrar, the more general issue of a possible policy on the admission of research students on the basis of advanced standing.

SECTION C: POLICY AND STRATEGY ISSUES**8. Proposed Graduate Training Elements**

None. (See also Item 3.16 above.)

9. Revised *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis*

Agreed that any further comments members of the GSB might have to make on the revisions should be forwarded to Ms McDermott on or before 17 September 2010.

10. Process for recognition of funded PhD student attendance at Summer Schools

Agreed that Professor Paschal Preston, Head of the School of Communications, would be requested to provide information on a credit structure for attendance of this sort in any other appropriate institution known to him and that that would provide the basis for the recognition of such attendance in DCU.

11. Provisions and regulations: higher doctorates

Agreed that the issues required detailed consideration and that the Chair would initiate the necessary discussions with Professor Saleem Hashmi, Head of the School of Mechanical and Manufacturing Engineering, who had made the initial proposal, and other relevant staff members. Dr Mac Murchaidh undertook to make available the NUI regulations on higher doctorates.

12. Any other business

12.1 Agreed not to include references to the PhD track in correspondence, as and when appropriate. On the broader issue of the fitness for purpose of the PhD-track concept, the Chair undertook to seek the advice of Professor Anne Scott, the Deputy President/Registrar.

12.2 The Chair summarised developments in relation to the Daniel O'Hare Scholarships, noting that an award had been made to one student in each of the Faculties and that he had agreed with the new President, Professor Brian MacCraith, that the scheme should continue beyond 2010/11. It was agreed that he would, on request and as appropriate, notify Faculties of strong candidates who had not actually received

awards, on the basis that they might well be of interest as potential research students even on a non-scholarship basis.

- 12.3** The Chair noted that the 2010/11 academic year was likely to be a very busy one from the point of view of graduate studies and that the developments would include the full availability of Graduate Training Elements (see Items 3.16 and 3.17 above), the implementation of the new *Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis* once approved (see Item 9 above) and the implementation of the PAC system for applications and admissions (see Item 3.1 above). He also noted some recent successes in research-related issues, including the fact that, in a review of the University's SIF-funded activities, the Graduate Education Programme had been awarded the highest grade possible, and the fact that among the PRTLTI funding successes announced in July 2010 was the Structured PhD Programme in BioAnalysis & Therapeutics (BioAT); in respect of the latter and on behalf of the GSB he extended congratulations to Dr Loscher.

Date of next meeting:

**Thursday 11 November 2010²
9.00 a.m. in A204**

Signed: _____
Chair

Date: _____

² Rescheduled from 4 November 2010.