

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

COURSE APPROVAL SUB-COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting held on 30 May 2006 at the Jordanstown campus

PRESENT

Professor D McAlister (Chair), Professor A Erridge, Mr P Fleming (for Dr M Murphy), Professor E Lillie, Mr T McLernon.

APOLOGIES

Mrs H Farley, Dr M Murphy

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr A G Faulkner, Ms K McCafferty

06.45 MINUTES

The confirmed minutes of the meeting held on 14 March 2006 were signed and dated by the Chair.

06.46 CHAIRMAN'S COMMUNICATIONS

DEL approval of HE in FE proposals

The Chair reported that, in response to a letter, DEL had agreed to let the University know directly its decisions on proposals involving the University. It was also initiating a review of its planning approval process.

06.47 COURSE APPROVAL

The Sub-Committee considered business from each Faculty (papers CASC 06/16 - 20) and noted revisions approved by the Faculties as detailed in the Appendix. A number of AB exit awards had been introduced by the Faculties of Business and Management and Engineering.

FACULTY OF ARTS

06.48 FdA Three Dimensional Design and Heritage Crafts at Limavady College of FHE (with CertHE exit award) (PT)

RECEIVED: the report of the Evaluation Panel.

NOTED: (a) that the course title was to be revised to remove the 'Three Dimensional' component and to review the philosophy and

- underpinning rationale for the programme, clearly identifying the type of student which the programme is aimed at;
- (b) that the CertHE exit award would replace the existing CertHE in Traditional (Heritage) Crafts.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the panel being met, the programme be approved for a period of five years (intakes 2006-2010) for a maximum cohort size of 16.

06.49 Undergraduate Hons Subject: Journalism

RECEIVED: a CA3 proposal to re-introduce a Minor strand under the title of Journalism (previously 'Journalism and Publishing Studies') for 2006/7 intake only.

NOTED: that the Minor was not submitted as part of last year's revalidation, but as it had been retained in UCAS for 2006 (as Journalism and Publishing Studies) and there was a small number of CF/CI applicants, the Faculty wished to offer it for one year only.

AGREED: that the proposal be approved.

06.50 Revalidation of Subject Unit 14B: International Affairs

NOTED: (a) that the Chair supported a recommendation to the Sub-Committee to extend approval of provision and defer the revalidation to 2007/8;

- (b) that the Faculty had provided confirmation of the ongoing achievement of standards and quality management as evidenced in external examiners' and ASM reports.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that the period of approval of provision within Unit 14B be extended by one year to include 2007 intake and the revalidation be deferred to 2007/8.

06.51 Proposed BA Hons Irish Language and Gaeltacht Studies (Joint UU/NUI)

NOTED: that the Faculty had confirmed that the proposal was to be withdrawn.

06.52 Proposed Foundation Degree in Commercial Imaging at Casltreagh College of FHE

NOTED: that the College had confirmed that it did not wish to proceed with the evaluation of the programme.

06.53 PgDip/MA Newspaper Journalism

RECEIVED: a CA3 proposal for a change of title.

NOTED: that the proposed change of title to 'PgDip/MA Journalism' had already been endorsed by the Academic Planning Sub-Committee.

AGREED: that the change of title be approved.

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT

06.54 Subject Unit 5B: Business and Management (Undergraduate/Jordanstown) (including outcentres and the evaluation of Advanced Diploma in Social Enterprise)

RECEIVED: the report of the Revalidation Panel.

NOTED: (a) that the Panel agreed that it be a condition that the Course Team for the Advanced Diploma in Social Enterprise keep under close review the resourcing of the programme, particularly given that new legislation (to be introduced in 2007) may result in a considerable increase in demand for places;

(b) that the final revised documentation had not been received but that the Head of School had advised the Academic Office of staff illness.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the panel being met, the following provision be approved for a further period of five years (intakes 2006-2010):

BSc (Hons) Business Studies (DIS/DAS) (FT) (JN) (with AB Business Studies exit award)

BSc (Hons) Business Studies (PT) (JN and Outcentres) (with AB Business Studies exit award) (Level 1, 2 and 3 modules at Fermanagh College, Newry and Kilkeel Institute, North East Institute - Ballymena/Magherafelt) (Level 1 and 2 modules at Omagh College and Upper Bann Institute)

Advanced Diploma in Management Practice (PT) (with Advanced Certificate exit award) (JN and Outcentres): for SME Developing Managers (JN), Bankmore (JN), SME ROI Developing Managers (on premises), Sustainable Futures (JN), Local Government (JN and CAFRE - Greenmount campus), Northern Ireland Council for Voluntary Action (on premises), Explorers and Connections (hotel venue), Police Rehabilitation and Training (on premises), Procurement (JN)

Certificate in Management Practice (PT): Business 2 Arts (hotel venues), Arts and Business (JN), Community Groups (JN and various premises), Child Support Agency (on premises), Purchasing (JN)

Advanced Diploma in Social Enterprise (PT) (with Advanced Certificate exit award) (JN).

06.55 Subject Unit 5K: Business and Management (Innovation/Executive Leadership)

RECEIVED: the report of the Revalidation Panel.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the panel being met, the following provision be approved for a further period of five years (intakes 2006 – 2010):

MSc Innovation and Entrepreneurship (PT) (with PgDip exit award)
MSc Executive Leadership (PT) (with PgDip exit award)

06.56 FdSc Leisure, Sport and Event Management at Omagh College

NOTED: that DEL had now approved the above programme (to include the FdSc award) from 2006/7 (min 06.29 refers).

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

06.57 FdSc Building Technology and Management (FT/PT) at Causeway Institute of FHE

RECEIVED: the report of the Evaluation Panel.

NOTED: (a) that a CertHE exit award would be available;

(b) that written confirmation of DEL approval had been received for the part-time mode only as the Institute was only permitted to offer HE on a part-time basis at present;

(c) that this restriction might be lifted in the light of new FE configuration;

(d) that the final document had been received.

AGREED: that it be recommended to Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the panel being met, the programme be approved for a period of five years (intakes 2006-2010) for a maximum cohort size of 14 part-time and 14 full-time; (the Faculty to review cohort sizes in light of DEL's current restriction on full-time provision).

06.58 Subject Unit 4A1: Built Environment (UG)

RECEIVED: the report of the Revalidation Panel.

NOTED: that staffing and capital resource issues were to be kept under review.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the panel being met, the following provision be approved for a further period of five years (intakes 2006-2010):

BSc Hons Architectural Technology and Management (FT/PT)
BSc Hons Building Surveying (FT/PT)
BSc Hons Construction Engineering and Management (FT/PT)
BSc Hons Housing (FT)

BSc Hons Property Investment and Development (FT/PT)
BSc Hons Quantity Surveying (FT/PT)
BSc Hons Urban Planning and Property Development (FT/PT)

06.59 Subject Unit 4A2: Built Environment (PG)

RECEIVED: the report of the Revalidation Panel.

- NOTED:
- (a) that the Panel had agreed, on the basis of evidence produced, that the Postgraduate Certificate in Architectural Conservation was not demonstrably fit for purpose and consequently was not approved;
 - (b) that the Team had been encouraged to re-submit documentation for the PGC Architectural Conservation for a separate evaluation and to confirm if this would be added to the 2006/7 schedule;
 - (c) that a proposal to merge the suite of programmes into a single generic Master's degree with pathways was to be reconsidered.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the Panel being met, the following provision be approved for a further period of five years (intakes 2006-2010):

PgDip/MSc Infrastructure Engineering (FT/PT)
PgCert/PgDip/MSc Construction and Project Management (FT/PT)
PgDip/MSc Housing Studies (PT only)
PgDip/MSc Renewable Energy and Energy Management (replacing two separate PgDip/MScs) (DL)
PgDip/MSc Fire Safety Engineering (FT/PT) Block Release

06.60 Subject Unit 4A3: Built Environment

RECEIVED: the report of the Revalidation Panel.

- NOTED:
- (a) that the Panel had agreed that, in the absence of subject expertise in respect of the BEng Hons Civil Engineering and the BSc Hons Building Services and Energy Engineering programmes during the revalidation event, the documentation in respect of those programmes be forwarded to suitability qualified external experts for their comment on programme structure and content. These comments had now been received;
 - (b) that condition (iv) 'Masters' should read 'Honours';
 - (c) that Level 2 in the BEng Hons Civil Engineering contributed to the final award and that the Faculty would be making a case to the Teaching and Learning Committee to continue with this departure.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the Panel being met, the following provision be approved for a further period of five years (intakes 2006-2010):

BEng Hons Building Services and Energy Engineering (to replace BEng Building Services Engineering and BEng Hons Environmental Engineering) (FT/PT)
BEng Hons Civil Engineering (FP/PT)
BSc Hons Environmental Health (FT)
BSc Hons Transportation with Specialisms (new title for Transport and Supply Chain Management) (FT)

06.61 Revalidation of Subject Unit 16E: Computing at Hong Kong College of Technology (HKCT)

RECEIVED: a statement of evidence from the Faculty to support the proposed one year extension of approval of the two degrees at HKCT (revalidation in 2007/8 rather than 2006/7) (min 06.43 refers).

AGREED: that the Chair be authorised to permit a one year extension on the basis of a satisfactory outcome to a University of Ulster visit to HKCT at the end of May in light of concerns identified at ACR.

06.62 PgDip/MSc Informatics

RECEIVED: a CA3 proposal to change substantially the existing programme and supporting statement.

NOTED: (a) that, as the changes involved the replacement of all compulsory modules and revisions to other modules, the Sub-Committee was asked to determine whether a validation was in order or whether the changes should be processed by CA3;

(b) that the changes followed on from recommendations made by an internal Faculty panel which reviewed the course in November 2005;

(c) that, although the External Examiner had not formally been invited to comment on the November 2005 Review Document or the February 2006 CA3 revision, he had been kept informed of all changes.

AGREED: that the proposal be approved, subject to a clearer explanation of any changes to the Programme Specification and learning outcomes and confirmation that it was simply a repackaging of existing but updated content, and confirmation of external examiner approval.

06.63 FdEng Electronic Engineering (PT) with CertHE exit award at Fermanagh College and Omagh College

NOTED: that in line with a recommendation of the Evaluation Panel, the Course Team had changed the title of the above programme to FdEng Industrial Electronic Engineering from 2005/6 intake to reflect better the programme content (min 05.112 refers).

06.64 Proposed PgDip/MSc Real Estate

NOTED: that the Faculty had confirmed that it wished to withdraw the above proposal (min 05.116 refers).

06.65 Programme Withdrawals

NOTED: that the following programmes had been withdrawn:

PgDip/MSc Housing Studies (ME)
BSc Hons Mathematics with Computing (South China Agricultural University)

FACULTY OF LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

06.66 MSc Applied Behaviour Analysis (with Postgraduate Diploma exit award)

RECEIVED: the report of the Evaluation Panel.

NOTED: (a) that a condition of the Panel was that the new member of staff hold or be eligible for Board Certified Behaviour Analyst (BCBA) or Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst (BCABA) status of the US Behaviour Analyst Certification Board, the relevant professional body;

(b) that the final revised document had not been received yet.

AGREED: that it be recommended to Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the panel being met, the programme be approved for a period of five years (intakes 2006-2010).

06.67 Subject Unit 25B: CertHE Combined Social and Behavioural Sciences (PT) at BIFHE

RECEIVED: the report of the Revalidation Panel.

NOTED: (a) the requirement for GCSE Mathematics for progression;

(b) that the Panel had referred to the Teaching and Learning Committee the disparity between this Level 1 qualification which allowed progression to Level 2 at the University and Fds which also articulated to Level 2 after a longer period of study. The

CertHE predated Fds and no Fds were currently available in the areas for progression such as Sociology and Social Policy, Psychology.

- AGREED: (i) that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the panel being met, the programme be approved for a period of five years (intakes 2006-2010) for a maximum annual cohort of 75 part-time students;
- (ii) that the issue of disparity be not referred to the Teaching and Learning Committee.

06.68 BSc Hons Applied Biosciences (DL)

- NOTED: (a) that the Faculty had now recruited the Hong Kong College of Technology as a replacement partner for the Institute of Vocational Education. It would provide induction, study and examination space and manage invigilation. A revised programme document, Agreement and financial plan had been lodged with the Academic Office (min 06.12 refers);
- (b) the Agreement covered the detailed contractual obligations of both partners.

AGREED: that the new partner be approved, subject to a satisfactory outcome to the University of Ulster visit to HKCT at the end of May (min 06.61 refers).

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES

06.69 Certificate in Counselling Studies (PT) at Belfast Institute, Fermanagh College, Limavady College, Lisburn Institute, North East Institute, North West Institute and Upper Bann Institute.

RECEIVED: the report of the Evaluation Panel.

- NOTED: (a) that the learning outcomes for each of the modules were to be revisited to ensure that they were stated in language which is measurable, and that appropriate mapping of the module level outcomes to the programme level outcomes was carried out;
- (b) that the programme would provide a progression route onto the DipHE/FdSc Counselling (first intake from Certificate: September 2007).

AGREED: (i) that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the Panel being met, the programme be approved in part-time mode for a period of

three years (intakes 2006-2008), in line with the University's revalidation schedule for Subject Unit 6B for maximum cohort sizes as follows:

Belfast Institute of FHE	20 students x 5 cohorts
Fermanagh College of FHE	20 students x 2 cohorts
Limavady College of FHE	20 students x 2 cohorts
Lisburn Institute of FHE	20 students x 2 cohorts
North East Institute of FHE	20 students x 2 cohorts
North West Institute of FHE	20 students x 3 cohorts
Upper Bann Institute of FHE	20 students x 2 cohorts

- (ii) that the Faculty be encouraged to give the provision particular attention through its risk register for annual monitoring.

06.70 International Development (Minor)

RECEIVED: the report of the Evaluation Panel.

- NOTED:
- (a) that it had been agreed that the revised documentation and Team's response was to be sent to the external panel members for further scrutiny, with particular reference to the appropriateness of the programme specification, the internal coherence and progression of the programme, and the content of two modules;
 - (b) that the final document had not been received;
 - (c) that an award from the Department of International Development to the University to support one of four UK centres should help to embed the subject and delivery of the strand on a secure basis.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the Panel including approval from the externals on the revised documentation being met, the programme be approved for a period of five years (intakes 2006-2010).

06.71 Subject Unit 9B1: Education : PgD/MA TESOL

RECEIVED: the report of the Revalidation Panel.

- NOTED:
- (a) that the structure outlined in the submission for the full-time programme was not in accordance with University regulations ie students were expected to take 75 credit points in the first semester and only 45 in the second (maximum permitted by the University for a full-time student is 60 credit points per semester); a case was to be made to the University's Teaching and Learning Committee in support of these arrangements for minor teaching which related to a requirement in semester 1;

- (b) that a case was also to be made to the Teaching and Learning Committee regarding the classification of the final result;
- (c) that there was a heavy reliance on part-time staff and that clarification was to be provided regarding the staffing resources for the programme, in particular the sustainability of staffing resources in the short-medium term. The Panel strongly advised that the anticipated new appointment should be made as soon as possible.

AGREED: that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the Panel being met, the programme be approved for a further period of five years (intakes 2006-2010).

06.72 Subject Unit 9I: PgCert/Dip Further and Higher Education

RECEIVED: approved conditions and recommendations of the report of the above revalidation meeting.

- NOTED:
- (a) that a detailed staff resourcing and action plan was to be provided to give assurance of a cohesive and integrated course team and of adequate staffing resources to deliver the programme;
 - (b) that a Memorandum of Agreement was to be signed with each partner institution;
 - (c) that the document was to be revisited to demonstrate clearly the embedding and use of existing and emerging standards within the programme. A response and revised submission were due on 30.6.06 and would be circulated to external Panel members for comment.

- AGREED:
- (i) that it be recommended to the Teaching and Learning Committee that, subject to the conditions of the Panel being met, the programme be approved for a further period of five years (intakes 2006-2010);
 - (ii) that, if the conditions were not met within the required time, the Faculty be asked to submit a formal request for an extension of approval to the current programme and to consider introducing some of the enhancements from the newly approved programme into the current programme, by CA3;
 - (iii) that the Chair be authorised to consider such a proposal on the Sub-Committee's behalf.

06.73 Revalidation of Subject Unit 26B: Community Youth Work

RECEIVED: a request to grant a postponement from December 2006 to March 2007 for the meeting to revalidate the above subject unit.

- NOTED:
- (a) that this would be a major revalidation of all Community Youth Work courses;
 - (b) that the decision to move to an all-degree profession had only officially been taken in February 2006 by the professional body in Northern Ireland.

AGREED: that the request be approved.

06.74 Revalidation of Subject Units 26G1 and 26G2: Social Work (Post Qualifying)

RECEIVED: a request to grant a postponement from November 2006 to April 2007 for the meeting to revalidate the subject unit.

- NOTED:
- (a) that the Faculty had formally requested that the PgDip/MSc Specialist Cognitive Therapy (currently 26G1) be included in Sub-unit 26G2 along with PgDip/MSc Advanced Social Work. This programme runs jointly with Queen's University Belfast;
 - (b) that the PgDip/MSc Advanced Social Work carried full professional credits and that the DHSSPS had not yet endorsed the revised professional requirements although these were anticipated in the Spring of 2007.

AGREED: that the request be approved.

06.75 Programme Withdrawals

NOTED: that the following programme had been withdrawn:

Diploma in Foundation Studies for Mature Students Science and Technology at East Down Institute of FHE.

06.76 Revisions to Access programme titles from 2006/7 intake

RECEIVED: paper no CASC/06/21 giving progress in introducing the Access Diploma award titles from 2006/7 intake and the specific titles to be used.

NOTED: that CA3s had now been completed for all courses.

06.77 Late Reports

NOTED: that a number of reports of evaluation/revalidations conducted in 2005/6 had not yet been provided to the Sub-Committee and that these reports would be received at the first meeting of the Sub-Committee in 2006/7.

AGREED: (i) that authority be granted to the Chair to approve outstanding reports from panels on the Sub-Committee's behalf as follows:

Revalidation 4B: Built Environment (Colleges)

Revalidation 15G: BSc Hons Hotel and Tourism Management at HTMi, Switzerland

Revalidation 9I: PgCert/Diploma in Further and Higher Education

Evaluation of BSc Hons Nursing Studies (Saudi Arabia – outcentre);

06.78 Statement of Evaluations and Revalidations conducted during 2005/6

RECEIVED: a statement of validations conducted during 2005/6 and on the submission of final documents (CASC/06/22).

NOTED: (a) that the Teaching and Learning Committee (2005) had agreed that a review of Faculty/College performance in meeting conditions of approval in 2005/6 would be considered by it in June 2006 (see min 06.81);

(b) the following updates to the report:

- that the approved revalidation report for subject unit 5K had been provided to the Sub-Committee (min 06.55 refers);
- that conditions and recommendations for the revalidation of 9I: Further and Higher Education had been reported to the Sub-Committee (min 06.72 refers);
- that the final revised document for FdSc Building Technology and Management at Causeway Institute had now been received and was being checked;
- that final documents for Subject Unit 21A: Music and FdSc Multimedia at North West Institute had now been 'signed off' by the Chair;
- that the final document for Leisure (Colleges): Omagh College had now been received.

06.79 Statement on submission of outstanding final documents for previous years

RECEIVED: a statement on the submission of outstanding final documents for 2004/5, 2003/4, 2002/3 (CASC/06/23).

NOTED: (a) that in relation to 2004/5 Limavady College was to submit a CA5 to withdraw the CertHE Irish History and Cultural Traditions (General Humanities);

- (b) that in relation to 2003/4 the revised documentation for BA Hons Combined Arts: Main/Minor in Journalism and Publishing Studies had now been forwarded to the Chair for approval.

AGREED: that Faculties and Faculty Heads of Collaborative Courses keep progress of final documentation for the current and earlier years under review with a view to submission as soon as possible.

06.80 EVALUATION AND REVALIDATION SCHEDULE

RECEIVED: the Evaluation and Revalidation schedule for 2006/7 (CASC/06/24).

- NOTED:
- (a) that there would be 34 events (25 revalidations [70 courses] and nine evaluations);
 - (b) that Faculties had been reminded to submit outstanding CA6 forms and that the outstanding form for 9C Education (Professional Development) had now been received.

06.81 ANNUAL REPORT ON EVALUATION AND REVALIDATION ACTIVITY: 2005/6 (CASC/06/27)

RECEIVED: the annual report on evaluation and revalidation activity in 2005/6.

- NOTED:
- (a) that 34 events had been held (19 revalidations [57 courses] and 15 evaluations) four of these had been organised jointly with PSRBS;
 - (b) that of six new courses that had been planned for a January 2006 start, three were now expected to start in September 2006;
 - (c) that in 2005/6, six subject units received a one year extension to the period of approval to include 2006 intake;
 - (d) that Access course panels were now constituted as for other courses;
 - (e) that there had been a significant improvement on previous years in the number of responses/final submissions being made by or within three to four weeks of the three month deadline;
 - (f) that the Academic Office now sent a statement on outstanding documents to Faculties at regular intervals so that appropriate action might be taken;
 - (g) that from the 34 events in 2005/6 seven documents had been 'signed off', 12 had been submitted for checking, five were overdue and 10, with a May/June deadline, had still to be submitted;

- (h) that the process would benefit from Faculty scrutiny of documents before submission to avoid excessive iteration to achieve a final version;
- (i) that the Academic Office and Faculties were reviewing the size of revalidation units with a view to reducing the number of large and single course units; a report would be provided to the Sub-Committee in September;
- (j) that the following recommendations had been made to improve the process in 2006/7:
 - (i) CA6 Forms

that the CA6 form be revised to require that CA5 forms be returned with the CA6 for courses being withdrawn;
 - (ii) Panel Membership

that CA1, CA2 and CA6 forms be amended to include identification of the area of subject expertise of each external panel member nominated by the Faculty;
 - (iii) Faculty Co-ordination of Activity

that FHCCs continue to provide preliminary comments to Panels to include Faculty recommendations in terms of maximum cohort sizes, for full-time and part-time, based on an assessment of current and proposed resources (a new pro forma would be drawn up to assist in this); it was also recommended that FHCCs ensure that students on UU validated programmes are informed of the admissions process and the specific entry requirements of related UU programmes;
 - (iv) Inspection of Resources

that, exceptionally, where an inspection of partner institution resources by external panel members was not possible, the FHCC should provide a report to the Panel in consultation with University subject experts;

- AGREED:
- (i) that the recommendations above be approved;
 - (ii) that the report be forwarded to Teaching and Learning Committee for information and be published on the Academic Office website.

RECEIVED: the Sub-Committee's Terms of Reference (CASC/06/26).

AGREED: that no change be proposed for 2006/7.

06.82 DATES OF MEETINGS 2006/7

NOTED: that the dates of meetings for 2006/7 would be as follows:

TIME	DATE	LOCATION
10.15 am	Thursday 21 September 2006	CE
10.15 am	Thursday 23 November 2006	JN
10.15 am	Thursday 11 January 2007	CE
10.15 am	Thursday 15 March 2007	JN
10.15 am	Thursday 31 May 2007	CE

DURATION: 1Hour 45 Minutes

COURSE APPROVAL SUB-COMMITTEE

30 May 2006

FACULTY OF ARTS

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Drama

To revise and re-title module DRA501M1;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Film Studies

To revise title of module FLM102C2;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Spanish

To amend the assessment weighting module to 100% coursework in 2005/6 only;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Film Studies; Spanish

To change semester from proposed module Latin American Film and to make it available as an option within the Spanish undergraduate subject;

All Undergraduate Honours degrees in School of Art and Design (FT) (BT) (ME)

To introduce an optional intercalary year leading to award of DAS;

BA Hons Fine and Applied Arts

To replace two 20pt modules by a single 40pt module (to be considered by the Teaching and Learning Committee);

BA Hons Media Arts

To withdraw one module; to add a new module; to switch semester for two modules;

BA Hons Dance

To revise the content and assessment strategies of modules DAN103M1 and DAN106M2;

Undergraduate Hons Subject; Media Studies (Single Hons, Major, Main, Minor)

To withdraw a module; to introduce a new module; to switch semester of two modules; to change status of one module;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: European Studies

To introduce two new replacement modules;

BA Hons History

To add a new optional module on 'Revolution and Civil War in Russia';

BDes: Design and Communication

To remove one module; to change semester of one module; to introduce a new year 2 module; to re-title a year 3 module;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Journalism

To consider a proposed change of title from 'Journalism and Publishing Studies' to 'Journalism'; to consider a proposal to introduce a Minor Strand for 2006/7 intake only;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: English

To introduce four new optional modules; to move module ENG506C2 to semester 1; to change the assessment weighting in module ENG106C2A;

BA Hons Humanities (JN, BT and NKIFHE [Outcentre])

To introduce two new level 3 modules and to remove AMS501J1K;

PgDip/MA Cultural Heritage and Museum Studies

To revise module CUS805B1 to a 30pt module to remove module CUS803B2;

PgDip/MA Newspaper Journalism

To introduce a new optional module;

PgDip/MA Local History

To introduce two new modules;

FACULTY OF BUSINESS AND MANAGEMENT**BSc Hons Business Finance and Investment**

To change the semester to two modules and the assessment strategy in two modules;

BSc Hons Management with DIS (FT/PT)

To rename a Year 2 semester 1 optional module and to introduce a level 2 semester 2 optional module; to add an additional final level module in semester 1;

BA/BSc Hons Business Studies with Computing

To replace an optional module;

BA/BSc Hons Business Studies (FT/PT) at Jordanstown, Outcentre**BA/BSc Hons Business Studies (Level 2) at BIFHE**

To introduce level 2 and 3 modules revised and updated at revalidation;

BSc Hons Business Studies (FT) at Jordanstown

To revise the assessment strategy in module ECO109J1/2;

BSc Hons Consumer Studies

To introduce a replacement module; Consumer Marketing;

BA Hons Hotel and Tourism Management at HTMI

To raise the assessment weighting in all modules to 50/50 (with a combination of coursework and examination), and to revise the coursework elements, to reflect the 24 week long-thin delivery mode;

BA/BSc Hons Culinary Arts (with DIS)
BA/BSc Consumer Studies (with DIS)
BA/BSc Hospitality Management
International Hospitality Management (with DIS)
BA/BSc Hotel and Tourism Management/International Hotel and Tourism Management (with DIS)
BA/BSc Travel and Tourism Management/International and Tourism Management (with DIS)
BA/BSc Leisure Events and Cultural Management
BSc International Hospitality (with French, German and Spanish)
BSc International Hotel and Tourism Management (with French, German and Spanish)
BSc Travel and Tourism Management (with French, German and Spanish)
BA Hons Hotel and Tourism Management at Newry and Kilkeel Institute (Outcentre) Level 3
BA Hons Hotel and Tourism Management at HTML
To revise module HTM513;

BSc Hons Marketing
BSc Hons Human Resource Management
BSc Hons Business Studies (PT)
To revise the assessment strategy in module ECO109J1/2, Business Economics;

BSc Hons Business (with DIS/DAS) (FT/PT)
BSc Hons Business Finance and Investment (with DIS/DAS)
To introduce an AB exit award from 2006/7;

BA/BSc Accounting (FT/PT) at Jordanstown and NKIFHE outcentre
To revise the assessment strategy in Business Economics module ECO109J1/2, ECO117J4;

PgD/MSc Finance and Investment
To change the status of module ACF807C2 to compulsory;

PgD/MSc Cultural Management
To revise the title of module ACF851P1X/ACF851P2X.

FACULTY OF ENGINEERING

FdSc Interactive Multimedia at NKIFHE
To amend the learning outcomes for the programmes and to introduce two new modules;

FdSc Computing and Network Systems at NKIFHE
To amend entry standards in regulations;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Computing (CE)

Major Strand

To introduce COM551 as a final level option; to allow the placement year to be optional for students undertaking Computing with Education Minor combinations;

Main Strand

To introduce COM551 as a final level option;

Minor Strand

To combine two optional modules into a single compulsory module, 'Applications and Introductory Scripting'; to remove the year II 10 point optional module in Professional Issues and Entrepreneurship and make the remaining modules compulsory; to introduce COM551 as a final level option;

BSc Hons Computing with DIS

BSc Hons Computing (Artificial Intelligence) with DIS

BSc Hons Computing (Digital Games Development) with DIS

To update module COM551C1; to update and re-title module COM523C2;

BSc Hons Computing Science

BEng Hons Electronics and Computer Systems

BEng Hons Computer Games Development

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Computing (ME) Major Strand

To update content of five modules; to change semester of two modules; to remove two modules;

BSc Hons Computing Science

BEng Hons Software Engineering

To revise two modules;

BSc Hons Computing Science with DIS

BEng Hons Software Engineering with DIS

To clarify wording in the module description for project COM562J4 and to revise the assessment weightings in the module;

BEng/BEng Hons Electronics Software

To transfer current year 3 and 4 students to BEng/BEng Hons Electronics, Communications and Software as appropriate;

BEng Hons Electronics Communications and Software (with DIS)

To introduce modules approved at the recent revalidation for current students; to introduce Professional Studies module; to change semester of EEE310J1; to replace final year option in Medical Electronics; to revise regulations in relation to transfer to Honours;

Coleraine

BSc Hons Computing with DIS

BSc Hons Computing (Artificial Intelligence) with DIS

BSC Hons Computing (Digital Games Development) with DIS

To introduce AB exit awards;

Jordanstown

BEng Hons Biomedical Engineering
BEng Hons Electronics and Software
BEng Hons Engineering
BEng Hons Engineering (Mechanical)
BEng Hons Engineering (Electrical/Electronic)
BEng/BEng Hons Engineering Management
BEng/BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering
BSc Hons Technology and Design/Technology with Design
To introduce AB exit awards;

Magee

BEng Hons Electronics and Computer Systems
BSc Hons Computer Science
To introduce AB exit awards;

BEng/MEng Engineering (Electrical/Electronic) and Mechanical
To revise the programme structures and content including as applicable; the introduction of a new 10pt module in Professional Studies; increasing the number of options and changing status of some modules; changing semester of delivery of some modules; removing some modules; updating and revising module EEE535J2; updating and changing assessment weighting in module EEE514J2;

BSc Hons Housing Management with DIS
To introduce three replacement modules (one new);

BSc Hons Interactive Multimedia with Design
To introduce a replacement module for COM554J1 within the degree;

BSc Hons Technology with Design
To introduce an additional optional module MEC509J2;

BSc Hons Mathematics with Computing (with DIS)
To introduce an additional optional module in Advanced Modelling and as an alternative to the final year project and to make the project an optional module (to be considered by the Teaching and Learning Committee);

BEng/BEng Hons Mechanical Engineering (+ DIS)
To introduce a new module 'Professional Studies' to replace MEC498J2
Entrepreneurship Awareness;

PgDip/MSc Intelligent Systems
PgDip/MSc Computing and Design
PgDip/MSc Information Systems Management
PgDip/MSc International Business
To update the module description for COM844M1;

PgC/D/MSc Web Information Systems

To provide a revised module description for COM901J1; to replace COM900J1 by a new module 'Introduction to the Capability Maturity Model Integration'.

FACULTY OF LIFE AND HEALTH SCIENCES

FdSc Food Manufacture at CAFRE

To introduce two new optional modules and to revise the status of three modules;

FdSc Rural and Countryside Management at CAFRE

To introduce two additional optional modules;

CertHE Combined Social and Behavioural Sciences

To introduce an additional optional module for Year 2 students in 2006/7;

BSc Hons Biomedical Science with DIS/DAS/DPP

BSc Hons Biology

BSc Hons Molecular Bioscience

To replace Pharmaceutical Biotechnology with a new module: Pharmacology;

BSc Hons Marine Science

To change status of three modules and remove one module for Marine Science students;

BSc/BSc Hons Geography (with DIS/DAS)

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Geography

To introduce a new optional module in Modern Historical Geographies to replace GEO318C2;

BSc Hons Sports Studies

To revise assessment weighting in module SLS338J1 to 50% Coursework/50% Examination;

BSc Hons Biology

To move module BIO501C1 to semester 2;

BSc Hons Nursing Sciences

PgDip/MSc Health and Social Care

To revise the assessment weighting in module NUR650J1A/B/P;

DipHE/FdSc Sport, Exercise and Fitness at Armagh College of FHE, Causeway Institute of FHE and North Down and Ards Institute of FHE

To confirm DEL's approval of the use of Foundation degree (FdSc) award title instead of DipHE from 2005/6;

BSc Hons Biomedical Sciences with DIS/DPP

To revise the professional practice module (BMS309C2) to incorporate entrepreneurship (from 2007) and to revise the Research Project (from 2007/8) to reflect application at level 3 (from 2007/8);

PgD/MSc Human Nutrition (FT/PT)**PgD/MSc Dietetics (FT)**

To amend regulations;

MSc Biomedical Science

To introduce a Postgraduate Certificate exit award in addition to the Postgraduate Diploma exit award;

MSc Biomedical Sciences

To introduce a research-focussed pathway by incorporating a 90 credit point Research/Project.

MSc/PgD/PgCert Biomedical Science

To introduce an optional 'core' module in 'Evidence Based Practice Healthcare';

FACULTY OF SOCIAL SCIENCES**Undergraduate Hons Subject: Government**

To revise the assessment weighting in two modules to 40% exam and 60% coursework;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Social Policy

To change the module code for the Dissertation module to SOP531M4; to change the semester of two optional modules;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Sociology

To introduce three new year 1 modules (one compulsory two optional) and to make two final year modules available in both semesters¹ and 2;

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Law (Jordanstown)

To introduce two new modules and to revise four modules (including semester of delivery of two);

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Law (Magee)

To change status of one module and to move one module from Year 2 to Year 3 and to amend its level from 2 to 3 (from 2005/6);

Undergraduate Hons Subject: Law (Magee)

To amend the assessment strategy in four modules and update content in two;

BSc Hons Social Work

To introduce two new replacement modules and revise one module;

BSc Hons Criminology and Criminal Justice

To introduce three replacement modules, four new modules and to revise the dissertation module to a 20 point module;

BSc Hons Social Work (2 year degree)

To revise title and content of Service User Pathway Option;

LLM Human Rights Law

To make module LAW820J2 Equality Law available at Magee as well as Jordanstown campus and to change module co-ordinator;

PGCE (Primary and Post Primary)

To revise the structure of the above programme to two 20 point modules at level M and two 10 point modules at level 3;

PgCert/Dip/MSc Education (eight distinct pathways) (outcentre)

To introduce a new module in 'Counselling/Relationship Skills – the foundation for personal development work'.