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ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

4 June 2020

Agenda Item 5.4.3

EXTENSION OF APPROVAL

COVER SHEET

Ulster University Business School

QAHE, units 1Aii and 5E1ii: BSc Accounting and Management, MSc International Business and Extended MSc International Business

To note that Chair's action has been taken on behalf of ASQEC to approve the request for a one-year extension to the period of approval.

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REQUEST TO EXTEND APPROVAL AND POSTPONE REVALIDATION

Form CA6b)

SECTION A: FACULTY REQUEST

FACULTY: Ulster University Business School

SCHOOL: QAHE (London and Birmingham) – Courses Located in Accounting Finance and Economics (BSc Accounting and Management – 1 course in London) and Global Business and Enterprise (MSc International Business, with Extended, Advanced Practice, HRM and Data Analytics variants – 24 course codes)

REVALIDATION UNIT NUMBER AND NAME:

Joint Revalidation Event in QAHE London for both courses: unit 1Aii Acc & Mgt (ug/QAHE) plus unit 5E1ii Intl bus (pg/QAHE)

MONTH/YEAR CURRENTLY SCHEDULED:

21st April 2020

PERIOD OF EXTENSION REQUESTED:

(eg one year to include the September 2018 intake)

October 2020, or until circumstances permit a revalidation event to run in QAHE London.

COURSE(S):

(Identify specific courses unless the whole unit)

The two units/courses as listed above.

REASON FOR REQUEST:

This revalidation event was due to run on 21st April. The courses are recently approved in Ulster and as is the norm, we then revalidate in QAHE, assuring ourselves of QAHE's continued ability to deliver and resource the programmes appropriately. Given the Covid-19 situation and the ongoing fluidity around circumstances in London and here, we would seek to delay this revalidation until such time as we can travel to London, meet with the QAHE delivery teams in person and conduct the event.

CURRENCY AND VALIDITY:

(Please confirm that the curriculum remains current and valid and provide evidence of this (eg extract from most recent external examiner reports and those of relevant professional, statutory and regulatory body)

Confirmed. As per Academic Office advice, a CA3 has been submitted to move QAHE to the recently revalidated version of the courses (in case of a September intake prior to any event being held). There are no issues.

STANDARDS AND QUALITY:

(Please confirm that quality is high and there are no concerns. Provide evidence of this through external examiner reports and annual monitoring datasets and reports)

Standards are very good as regards the BSc Accounting and Management programme and quite good as regards the MSc IB. Regular updates on student progression/retention are undertaken by Dr Peter Green and reported at various Committees (including QAHE Board and ACEB) and there are no concerns raised through the External Examiner reports.

PSRB (if applicable):

(Please confirm that any deferral will be accommodated by the PSRB and that accreditation will be ongoing for the full duration of the deferral)

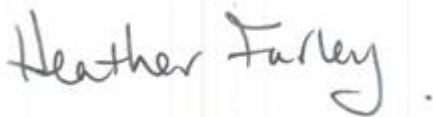
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DEMAND:

Demand continues to be good with projected increases in international intakes for the MSc IB variants.

FACULTY PARTNERSHIP MANAGER'S ASSESSMENT (for partner institutions only):

FACULTY CONFIRMATION:



SIGNED: _____
Associate Dean (Education)

DATE: 25/03/2020

The completed form should be returned to the Academic Office, Room J410, Tower Building, Coleraine.

SECTION B: ACADEMIC OFFICE COMMENTS:

Professor Farley has discussed the situation with the Academic Office and we agreed that the postponement of revalidation was the best action in the current circumstances arising from the Covid-19 outbreak. The Faculty has submitted a CA3 form so that the University's new curriculum can be implemented at QAHE and we concur with the Faculty's view that the timing of a review of resources through revalidation should be determined once the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak becomes clear (hopefully early semester 1, 2020/21 AY). The Academic Office therefore supports the proposed extension of approval.



SIGNED: _____ DATE: 26/3/2020
Academic Policy and Standards Manager or Head of Academic Office

SECTION C: QUALITY ENHANCEMENT ASSESSMENT (reflecting annual monitoring data)

Janet M H Kleyro.

SIGNED: _____

DATE 27 March 2020:

Head of Quality Enhancement

**SECTION D: ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE
(delegated authority from Senate)**

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING: Chair's action on behalf of PVC (Education)

DECISION: Approve (Yes)

Late requests (in-year and no imminent Committee meeting) (actioned by Chair on behalf of ASQEC)

DECISION: Approve (Yes/No)

SIGNED: _____
pp Chair ASQEC

DATE: 31st March 2020

DATE REPORTED TO ASQEC:

Academic Office
July 2019