

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Academic Standards and Quality Enhancement Committee will be held on Thursday 5 December 2019 at 2.15 pm by video-conference in BA-02-008 (Belfast), H113A (Coleraine), 08H09 (Jordanstown), and MD026 (Magee).

G KENDALL
ACADEMIC OFFICE

AGENDA

UNRESERVED

1 MINUTES

To receive the minutes of the meeting held on 22 October 2019 (previously circulated).

2 MATTERS ARISING

Min 19.63 Proposal for Affiliate Student Status

Chair to provide a verbal update on progress.

Min 19.73 Failed Students coded U1 in Partner Institutions

Ms Wasson to provide a verbal update.

Min 19.74 Proposal for Course Accreditation by Hong Kong Council for Accreditation of Academic and Vocational Qualifications (HKCAAVQ)

Chair to provide a verbal update.

Min 19.77 Toilet Breaks in Examinations

Ms Wasson to provide a verbal update on review of practice and guidelines.

3 CHAIR'S COMMUNICATIONS

Admissions Policy Sub-Committee

A new sub-committee of the Academic Planning Advisory Group is proposed to oversee the Admissions Policy (see APAG report ASQEC/19/38).

Resit Opportunities

It has been proposed that the current cap on the number of failed credits be removed and that students be allowed to resit an entire year's diet of modules in August. Subsequent retake year options of between 60 and 80 failed credits would be considered at supplementary boards.

Late Appeals

Learning and Teaching Committee (Min 19.22) has referred to ASQEC the business of allowance of late appeals by Faculties. Student Administration will report on this in its Annual Report on 2018/19 at the March 2020 meeting.

Degree Classification Descriptions

To note that QAA UK Standing Committee for Quality Assessment (UKSCQA) has published a set of common degree classification descriptions that set out the agreed general criteria that students across the UK should meet in order to achieve the different classes of qualification at bachelor's honours degree level as Annex D to the FHEQ (October 2019) Higher education sector announces new initiatives to protect value of UK degrees

4 ACADEMIC PLANNING ADVISORY GROUP

To consider the report from the meeting of the Advisory Group held on 13 November 2019.
Paper No ASQEC/19/38

Presenter: Professor B Murphy

5 COURSE APPROVAL

5.1 To endorse the recommendations for approval from 2018/19 evaluation and revalidation panels.
Paper No ASQEC/19/39a)

Presenter: Mr G Kendall

5.2 To note the status of outstanding final revalidation documents from 2018/19:

9C1 Education (Professional Development) – the document has been resubmitted to the Academic Office for checking.

5.3 To consider a request for a one-year extension to the period of approval for the following:

Unit 22B1 Specialist Nursing Post-Registration (BSc Hons Specialist Nursing (with pathways), PgDip Specialist Nursing (with pathways), PgDip/MSc Palliative Care).
Paper No ASQEC/19/39b)

Presenter: Representative from Faculty of Life and Health Sciences

5.4 To note that Chair's action has been taken on behalf of ASQEC to approve a two-year extension to the period of approval for the following:

FdSc Paramedic Practice at Northern Ireland Ambulance Service.
Paper No ASQEC/19/39c)

5.5 To note revisions to the revalidation schedule 2019/20

To note that the events for the following units have been rescheduled to take place late in the year:

9A1 Education (PGCE)

16E Engineering (Magee)
10A1 Engineering (UG Jordanstown)
10A2 Engineering (PG Jordanstown)

5.6 To note course revisions and new short-course modules approved by Faculties and ADDL. Paper No ASQEC/19/39d)

6 PROFESSIONAL, STATUTORY AND REGULATORY BODY ACCREDITATION

To receive a summary report on activity in the 2018/19 academic year and the schedule for 2019/20. Paper No ASQEC/19/40

7 INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION YEAR (IFY)

To consider a report on the lessons learnt from the introduction of the IFY (Min 19.66 refers). Paper No ASQEC/19/41

Presenter: Professor B Murphy

8 TWO YEAR PART-TIME FOUNDATION DEGREES POSITION PAPER

To consider a position paper (Min 19.66 refers). Paper No ASQEC/19/42

Presenter: Dr M Keenan

9 EXTERNAL EXAMINERS' REPORTS 2018/19

To receive the annual overview report. Paper No ASQEC/19/43

Presenter: Mr A G Faulkner

10 PRIZES

To consider proposals for new prizes. Paper No ASQEC/19/44

Presenter: Mr A G Faulkner

11 COMBINED STUDIES PROGRAMME

11.1 To receive the annual report on the operation and management of undergraduate combined subjects in 2018/19. Paper No ASQEC/19/45a)

11.2 To consider the annual reports for 2018/19 from the Chief External Examiners for the Coleraine, Jordanstown and Magee campuses and the response from the Campus Co-ordinating Group for Coleraine. Paper No ASQEC/19/45b)

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