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ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

4 June 2020

Agenda Item 5.4.7

EXTENSION OF APPROVAL

COVER SHEET

Ulster University Business School

Unit 5C4: Advanced Diploma in Social Enterprise

Presenter: Professor H Farley

To consider a proposal for a one-year extension to the period of approval for Advanced Diploma in Social Enterprise.

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REQUEST TO EXTEND APPROVAL AND POSTPONE REVALIDATION

Form CA6b)

SECTION A: FACULTY REQUEST

FACULTY: ULSTER UNIVERSITY BUSINESS SCHOOL

SCHOOL: DEPARTMENT OF MANAGEMENT, LEADERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT

REVALIDATION UNIT NUMBER AND NAME: 5C4 Social Enterprise UG

MONTH/YEAR CURRENTLY SCHEDULED: November 2020

PERIOD OF EXTENSION REQUESTED:

(eg one year to include the September 2018 intake)

One year.

COURSE(S):

(Identify specific courses unless the whole unit)

As above.

REASON FOR REQUEST:

There are a relatively large number of other revalidations scheduled in the Department of MLM for Academic Year 20/21, so pushing this back to AY 2021 would help spread the load a little bit. It is a successful, well-established course, so an extension should not affect the programme adversely.

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)

To confirm this programme remains current and valid. It is delivered in a collaboration with the School for Social Enterprise and participants receive funding support through the First Minister's Office or the Flax Trust. Content, delivery methodologies are agreed in advance of support being provided. The structure of the programme has remained the same. However there have been enhancements made to the delivery methodology (pedagogy) including some changes to the assessment strategy.

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)

The standard remains very high. This programme is subject to scrutiny from the Urban Villages initiative (a function of the executive office) and by the Flax Trust (who co-fund.) It usually runs biennially, but such has been its success that the funders have funded an additional cohort – which started 19-20.

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)

N/A

DEMAND:

Demand remains relatively strong. There is a live cohort of 24 with applications exceeding this, allowing selection of candidates on merit and anticipated impact.

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

FACULTY CONFIRMATION:

Heather Farley

SIGNED: _____
Associate Dean (Education)

05.05.2020
DATE: _____

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

SECTION B: ACADEMIC OFFICE COMMENTS:

The Adv Dip Social Enterprise was due for revalidation in 2020/21 and the most recent external examiner's report, for the 2018/19 academic year, was entirely supportive and did not signal any risk to quality or standards. The Academic Office supports the Faculty's case for an extension of approval until 2021/22 academic year.

Gary Kuddell

SIGNED: _____
Academic Policy and Standards Manager

DATE: 6/5/2020 _____

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

Sandra M. H. McKeown

SIGNED: _____ DATE: 6 May 2020 _____
Head of Quality Enhancement

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

DATE OF COMMITTEE MEETING:

DECISION: Approve (Yes/No)

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

DECISION: Approve (Yes/No)

SIGNED: _____
Chair ASQEC

DATE: _____

DATE REPORTED TO ASQEC:

Academic Office
July 2019