

UNIVERSITY OF ULSTER

Paper No ASQEC/20/8k

ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

4 June 2020

Agenda Item 5.4.8

EXTENSION OF APPROVAL

COVER SHEET

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Unit 30B4: Access Diploma (SWC)

*Presenter: Professor R Fee*

To consider a proposal for a one-year extension to the period of approval for Access Diploma (SWC).



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) NA

DEMAND: Courses recruiting well.

FACULTY PARTNERSHIP MANAGER'S ASSESSMENT (for partner institutions only): These courses are running smoothly. Recruitment remains healthy, and enhancement activities to improve progression are ongoing. Preparation for the revalidation has been impacted significantly by the pandemic, and staff whilst continuing to work systematically towards the revalidation, need the space to focus on teaching and student support in this current year.

**FACULTY CONFIRMATION:**

SIGNED: 

Associate Dean (Education)

DATE: 26-05-2020

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

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**SECTION B: ACADEMIC OFFICE COMMENTS:**

This unit was scheduled to be revalidated in 2020/21 academic year and it was planned to use a single panel to review the entire provision of AHSS access courses across the four colleges involved. The Academic Office acknowledges that preparations for the proposed revalidation would be complex and require significant co-ordination and that the operating context arising from the pandemic means that the proposed revalidation in 2020/21 presents significant difficulties. It is proposed that the period of approval is extended by a year so that the revalidation would take place in 2021/22.

The external examiner is supportive of the programmes and indicates that there are no fundamental risks to quality and standards and that the programmes are operating very well.

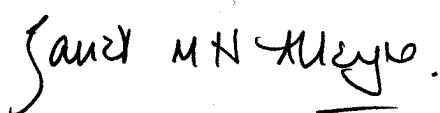
SIGNED: 

Academic Policy and Standards Manager

DATE: 28 May 2020

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



SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: 28 May 2020 \_\_\_\_\_  
Head of Quality Enhancement

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**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