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ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

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Agenda Item 5.1

DEPARTURES AND VARIATIONS FROM THE UNIVERSITY'S REGULATORY
FRAMEWORK: BSc (Hons) and MSc Dietetics

COVER SHEET

To consider a request for continuing approval of variations.

22 February 2019**Revalidation Unit 3D Food, Nutrition and Dietetics – departures from University regulations requiring ASQEC re-approval**

Following the revalidation event for the above unit in November 2018, I would be grateful if the following departures from University regulations could be considered and re-approved at the next ASQEC meeting:

1. Modules contributing to the classification

“With the exception of the MSc Dietetics, in programmes of more than 200 credit points, the assessment results from the final 120 credit points shall determine the overall grading. In the MSc Dietetics, the overall grading shall be determined by all level 7 modules.” (Regulation 22 for Master’s Degrees.)

2. Progression in Dietetics Practice-Based Learning – BSc and MSc Dietetics

The principle of automatic progression from semester 1 to semester 2 was established in 2001. In the case of progression from the Dietetics Practice Based Learning 1 module to the Dietetics Practice Based Learning 2 module in the undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, it is proposed that students must have attained competency in at least 75% of the learning outcomes set for Practice Based Learning 1 and be working towards competency in the remaining 25% before progression would be allowed, thus departing from the automatic progression principle. This is a professional body requirement and sufficient competency in Practice Based Learning 1 would be considered critical for progression to Practice Based Learning 2.

3. Consequences of failure in years 3 and 4 of BSc Hons Dietetics

University regulations generally only permit repeat opportunities in modules with an overall value up to and including 40 credit points. A greater number of fails would result in discontinuation. Given the size of the two final year modules (Dietetics Practice-Based Learning 1 and 2; 50 credit points each), no resits would therefore be available. It is therefore proposed that the current departure in Regulation 23 for Honours Degrees is re-approved:

“The consequences of failure in year 3 of the BSc Hons Dietetics shall be as in 24 below.”

And the following would remain in clause 24

“In year 4 of the BSc Hons Dietetics, candidates shall be permitted to repeat in modules up to a value of 70 credit points once only.”

4. Title of CertHE Science for Nutrition exit awards

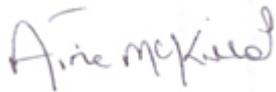
Re-approval of the title of the CertHE Science for Nutrition exit awards from the BSc Hons Food and Nutrition and BSc Hons Human Nutrition is sought. Candidates may be considered for this exit award as follows:

'Provided that they have not been exempted for modules amounting to more than 60 credit points, candidates who do not satisfy the requirements for the award of a Degree, an Honours Degree or an Associate Bachelor's Degree and have passed appropriate modules at level 4 shall be assessed for the award of a Certificate of Higher Education.'

Yours faithfully,



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