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ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

4 June 2020

Agenda Item 5.4.10

EXTENSION OF APPROVAL

COVER SHEET

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Unit 30B1: Access Diploma (NWRC)

Presenter: Professor R Fee

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

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REQUEST TO EXTEND APPROVAL AND POSTPONE REVALIDATION

Form CA6b)

SECTION A: FACULTY REQUEST

FACULTY: AHSS

SCHOOL: Communication and Media

REVALIDATION UNIT NUMBER AND NAME: Access Dip (NWRC) Unit 30B1

MONTH/YEAR CURRENTLY SCHEDULED: November 2020

PERIOD OF EXTENSION REQUESTED:

(eg one year to include the September 2018 intake) One year to include the 2021 intake – extension until November 2021

COURSE(S):

(Identify specific courses unless the whole unit)

5240 AccDip Comb Studies FT

5241 AccDip Comb Studies PT

6835 AccDip Comb Studies PT

REASON FOR REQUEST: Impact of Covid 19 pandemic has delayed preparation for revalidation as staff re-focus on immediate needs of course delivery and assessment.

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)

These courses remain valid. See Self-evaluation Report with included FPM report, attached.

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)

Quality of delivery remains high. No concerns. EE report and Self-evaluation Report attached.

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: Course 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.

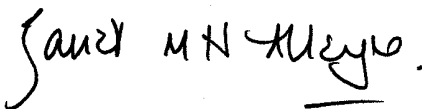
SECTION B: ACADEMIC OFFICE COMMENTS:

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 extend 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 risk to quality and standards and that the programmes are operating very well.

SIGNED: 
Academic Policy and Standards Manager

DATE: 28 May 2020

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

SIGNED: 
Head of Quality Enhancement

20 May 2020

DATE: _____

**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