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ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE

4 June 2020

Agenda Item 5.4.11

EXTENSION OF APPROVAL

COVER SHEET

Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences

Unit 30B1: Access Diploma (NRC)

*Presenter: Professor R Fee*

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

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**REQUEST TO EXTEND APPROVAL AND POSTPONE REVALIDATION**

**Form CA6b)**

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**SECTION A: FACULTY REQUEST**

FACULTY: Arts Humanities and Social Sciences

SCHOOL: Communication and Media

REVALIDATION UNIT NUMBER AND NAME: Access Dip (NRC) Unit No. 30B1

MONTH/YEAR CURRENTLY SCHEDULED: November 2020

PERIOD OF EXTENSION REQUESTED: One year to include the 2021 intake – extension to November 2021.

COURSE(S):  
(Identify specific courses unless the whole unit)

Access Diploma in Social Science (with Cert in Adult Learning exit award – PT only) B'Mena, B'money, Coleraine. M'Felt, N'Abbey

Access Diploma in Science (with Cert in Adult Learning exit award – PT only) B,mena, Coleraine, M'Felt, N'Abbey

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. EE report from June 2019, QIP and 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 from June 2019, QIP and FPM 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: 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:  DATE: 26-05-2020  
Associate Dean (Education)

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 in the collaboration. 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. 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:  DATE: 28 May 2020  
Academic Policy and Standards Manager

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

 DATE: 20 May 2020  
SIGNED: \_\_\_\_\_  
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: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chair ASQEC

DATE REPORTED TO ASQEC:

