18.89 Minimum and Maximum Cohort Sizes

Mr Faulkner presented the report from the Task and Finish Group on Minimum and Maximum Cohort Sizes (Paper No ASQEC/18/26b) on behalf of Professor Murphy. The Group had been established by the Committee (min 18.49 refers) in light of earlier decisions that validation panels for both internal and external provision should set minimum and maximum cohort sizes, and a minimum cohort size of 15 (full and part-time combined) be applied in colleges. Policy Guidelines which had been endorsed by APAG were proposed.

The guidance was divided into two sections covering internal and external provision. Members were advised that minimum and maximum cohort sizes set for internal courses would be indicative to allow for appropriate faculty discretion at Admissions, and that permanent increases should be formally approved. It was noted that the guidelines for external provision were stricter for under and over-recruitment.