EXTRACT FROM ACADEMIC STANDARDS AND QUALITY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE: 11.3.21

21.11 NEW AWARD REGULATIONS

Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) Regulations

The Committee considered draft award regulations for the new qualification of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) (Paper No ASQEC/21/3e).

The regulations were based on those of the contingency partner, St George’s University, London (SGUL) and were modelled closely on the University’s regulations for integrated Master’s degrees which were delivered over four years and had a Level 7 final attainment. The regulations had been approved by the General Medical Council at Stage 3 and 5 approval events. Professor Murphy noted that the draft regulations were discrete for the new award and would not serve as a precedent for other courses. They followed some of the conventions of this subject area including the use of Bachelor’s awards for postgraduate achievement and the absence of overall grading with provision for grading in four disciplines.

Professor McKillop thanked Mr Faulkner and Ms Troy for their comments and assistance in preparing the regulations. She noted that the course featured assessment in three ‘domains’ across each year of study and that translation to an Ulster template had been a complex exercise. The Ulster Honours degree classifications would only operate for the exit award and only one discretionary third attempt would be permitted during a student’s period of study.

Mr Faulkner advised that a number of minor changes had been referred to the Faculty and that a finalised set of the draft regulations would be provided as an appendix to the minutes for Senate’s approval.

AGREED that:

1. subject to minor revision, the draft regulationsbe endorsed and recommended to Senate for approval (Appendix 4);
2. it be recommended to Senate and Council that the new award of Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS) be added to the Schedule to Ordinance XXIX, Degrees, Diplomas, Certificates and Other Academic Distinctions.