

**UNIVERSITY OF DUBLIN
TRINITY COLLEGE**

GRADUATE STUDIES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held at 9.00 a.m. on Wednesday 7th March 2012
Boardroom, Provost's House

Present: Professor Veronica Campbell, Dean of Graduate Studies (*Chair*),
Directors of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) as follows:
Dr Derek Nolan, School of Biochemistry and Immunology
Dr Martin Fellenz, School of Business
Professor Isabel Rozas, School of Chemistry
Professor Simon Wilson, School of Computer Science and Statistics
Dr Claire Healy, School of Dental Science
Dr Melissa Sihra, School of Drama, Film & Music
Dr Conor McGuckin, School of Education
Dr Sam Slote, School of English
Dr Joseph Clarke, School of Histories & Humanities
Dr Jurgen Uhlich, School of Languages, Literatures and Cultural Studies
Dr Neville Cox, School of Law
Dr Stefan Sint, School of Mathematics
Ms Anne-Marie Brady, School of Nursing and Midwifery
Dr Kevin Tierney, School of Psychology
Dr Gillian Wylie, Aspirant School of Religions, Theology and Ecumenics
Dr Gail McElroy, School of Social Sciences and Philosophy

Ms Mary O'Connor, Graduate Students' Union President (*Ex officio*)
Mr Martin McAndrew, Graduate Students' Union Vice-President (*Ex officio*)
Professor Vinny Cahill, Dean of Research
Mr Trevor Peare, Keeper of Readers' Services (in attendance *Ex officio*)
Ms Lee Mills, Information System Services Representative

Apologies: Directors of Teaching and Learning (Postgraduate) as follows:
Professor Timothy Foster, School of Genetics and Microbiology
Dr Jeffrey Kallen, School of Linguistic, Speech and Communication Sciences
Dr John Gormley, School of Medicine
Professor Anna Davies, School of Natural Sciences
Dr Andrew Harkin, School of Pharmacy & Pharmaceutical Sciences
Dr Mauro Ferreira, School of Physics

Ms Alex Anderson, CAPSL Representative (*Ex officio*)

In attendance: Ms Jennifer Hill, Graduate Studies Office, Secretary to the meeting (*Ex officio*)
Ms Helen Thornbury, Graduate Studies Office

GS/11-12/032 Minutes of 2nd February 2012

The minutes of the meeting of 2nd February 2012 were approved by the Committee as circulated.

GS/11-12/033 Matters Arising

The Dean confirmed that the M.Sc. in Translational Oncology (**GS/11-12/018**) has now been approved by the University Council.

The Dean provided details to the Committee on an initiative entitled “Science without Borders” which will provide students from Brazil with tuition fees, bench fees and a stipend to study at TCD. This would be for Ph.D. students and possibly those on exchange programmes. The exact details of the scholarships have not yet been finalised but the Dean would keep the Committee updated.

The Committee were updated on the Supervisor Supports working group which has now been formed but has not yet met.

An update was provided to the Committee regarding the new direct online application system, SITS, which will go live on 15th March. Information will be sent out to provide details of training sessions. The PAC system will run simultaneously for this recruitment cycle.

GS/11-12/034 M.Phil. in Music Composition

The Dean introduced Mr Donnacha Dennehy and asked him to speak to the circulated proposal. Mr Dennehy explained that, at present, it is possible to study music composition at undergraduate level and also to undertake research in this area at Ph.D. level. There is appetite for a structured course in between these levels, but this does not currently exist. A Music Composition Centre has been launched as part of TCD’s initiative in Creative Arts, Technology and Culture and so it is timely to offer a one-year taught M.Phil. in Music Composition to cater for the growing demand for graduate studies of international standing in the area.

Students will take four compulsory modules in Advanced Orchestration, Contemporary Music Studies, Composition I and Composition II and will have a choice of two optional modules from Composition for Mixed Media, Music Cognition and Design, Experimental Music Theatre, Theory, Aesthetics and Analysis. They will also be required to complete and submit a dissertation comprising a portfolio of composition and an accompanying thesis.

A few queries were raised and clarification sought from the Committee on the following points:

- further consideration should be given to marketing the course in other European countries such as France and Germany
- Section 2.7 should state that the course has been noted at the most recent meeting of the Library & College Archives Users’ Committee.
- In section 6.1(b) it should be noted that the portfolio and accompanying thesis are due “not later” than 31 August in order to complete the dissertation module.
- In section 6.3, “in all theory modules” Should read “in all taught modules”.
- It should be noted that the modules shared with the M.Phil. in Music and Media Technologies will be considered new modules for the M.Phil. in Music Composition due to the different ECTS weighting and will require new module codes.
- To ensure clarity additional details should be provided in section 5.4(iii) regarding how the portfolio will be assessed by the examiner.
- Section 6.2 should clarify that the student has an opportunity to resubmit a failed module assessment and that a student is not permitted to continue on to the dissertation if they fail a module.

The Committee approved the course for submission to the University Council subject to the above and any additional amendments that may be required following the external assessor's report.

GS/11-12/035 AOB

The Dean confirmed that the Institutional Review will be taking place the week of 12th March and that members of the Graduate Studies Committee would meet with the external review team.

The Vice-President of the Graduate Students Union informed the Committee that the inaugural Postgraduate Week will take place the week beginning 19th March. Information on academic and pastoral services available in College will be provided to attendees. They will also receive skills training and seminars.

The Dean confirmed that she will be going to Saudi Arabia in mid-April to attend an event hosted by the Saudi Arabian Ministry for Higher Education. There will be a particular interest in science and engineering and Committee members who wished their course promotional materials to be made available to conference delegates were asked to submit the materials to the Graduate Studies Office by the end of March.

Section B for noting and approval

1. The Committee noted and approved the introduction of the two new LL.M. strands in International and European Intellectual Property Law and Criminal Justice subject to the following amendments:
 - Confirmation of the deadline for the dissertation.
 - Clarification re: "half options" and that this actually refers to modules
 - Clarification that the dissertation weighting is 33%
2. The Committee noted and approved the change of name for the Postgraduate Diploma / M.Ed. strand in Teaching and Learning (Higher Education) to Master in Education (Higher Education).
3. The Committee noted and approved the amendments to the existing M.Sc. Nursing, Clinical Health Sciences Education (CHSE) strand; M.Sc. Midwifery, Clinical Health Sciences Education (CHSE) strand and Postgraduate Diploma Clinical Health Sciences Education (CHSE) to replace with an M.Sc. Clinical Health Sciences Education (CHSE) with a Postgraduate Diploma Clinical Health Sciences Education (CHSE) as an exit option.
There will be no changes to the structure or content.
4. The Committee noted and approved the awarding of the Henry Flood Scholarship to Chantal Kobel.
5. The Committee noted and approved the proposed one-year full-time option of the M.Sc. in Healthcare Infection Management.
6. The Committee noted and approved the proposed one-year full-time option of the Masters in Medicine.

Section C for noting

1. The Committee was asked to note the Panel Members for the Provost's Teaching Awards.

There being no other business, the meeting ended at 9.40am.

Prof. Veronica Campbell

Date: 26th March 2012