

## **School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences.**

### **Role of the External Examiners.**

Collectively, the external examiners review all assessment processes, especially annual and supplemental examination papers, and ensure the fairness, validity and rigour of all assessments.

During their visit to our School, the chief responsibilities of the external examiners are to ensure that (a) academic standards are maintained; (b) the regulations governing assessment are observed and (c) individual students are treated fairly. A select number of students, who are borderline between grades, undergo a viva voce examination with the external examiners. To gain an impression of the standard within a given year the lowest and highest performing students also present for a viva voce examination.

External examiners are invited to provide feedback and comment on the students' achievement of the intended learning outcomes and the integration with teaching and assessment methods. At the court of examiners meetings they also take the opportunity to provide members of staff in our School with outside views on the content, organisation and assessment of our course. The examiners meeting provides an opportunity for wide-ranging discussions about how the course (including assessment strategies) may best evolve.

External examiners' reports are presented at meetings of our Programme Management Committee for review, discussion and decisions regarding implementation of changes to the Pharmacy (Integrated) programme. External examiners are informed of the actions and decisions taken by the School in response to their reports by the DUTL of the Pharmacy (Integrated) programme.