

Academic Committee Minutes

Minutes of the eighth meeting of the Academic Committee which took place on Monday, 19 January 2009 in the Boardroom, HETAC Offices, 26/27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 at 11:00 a.m.

PRESENT:

Chairperson:	Prof. Tom Boylan	
Secretary:	Dr. Bryan Maguire	
	Dr. Peter Cullen	
	Ms. June Hosford	
	Mr. Tomás MacEochagáin	
	Dr. Diarmuid O’Callaghan	
	Ms. Marion Palmer	

APOLOGIES:

	Dr. Carol Gibbons
	Ms. Tine Holm
	Mr. Peter Mannion
	Rev. Darren McCallig

IN ATTENDANCE:

	Mr. Joe Cox (Item 8)
	Ms. Mary McEvoy
	Ms. Tara Ryan
	Mr. Liam Tracey (Item 8)
	Ms. Caitríona Lawless

The Chairperson, Prof. Tom Boylan WELCOMED newly appointed Committee Member Dr. Peter Cullen and staff member Mary McEvoy to the meeting. Prof. Boylan NOTED that Ms. McEvoy is replacing Ms. Lawless and THANKED Caitríona for her loyal and efficient service to the Academic Committee.

1. Committee Business

The Minutes of the Meeting of 20 October 2008 circulated as ACC/M7 had been circulated electronically to Committee Members and were also circulated at the Council Meeting on 8 December 2008. The Minutes were CONFIRMED and SIGNED.

1.2. Matters Arising from Minutes

The Committee NOTED that the Policy for Registration of New Providers had been ADOPTED by Council at its meeting of 8 December 2008 following some minor modifications. The Committee also NOTED that this policy document has now been published.

The Committee NOTED that the Policy for Collaborative and Trans-national Programmes and Joint Awards had been ADOPTED by Council at its meeting of 8 December 2008 subject to the resolution of outstanding technical and legal questions. The Committee also NOTED that this policy document has not been published yet.

1.3 The Committee NOTED that the Guidelines on Participating in Evaluation Panels as Expert Assessors had not come before Council due to outstanding issues on overall policy, but was hopeful that this document would be presented at the next meeting of Council.

1.4 The Committee NOTED that the closing date for the joint consultation process between the Executive and IUQB with regard to National Guidelines for Postgraduate Arts Research Programmes by Practice was 16 February 2009 and FURTHER NOTED that this matter is ongoing.

2. Advice to Council regarding matters of Academic Policy and Procedures

2.1. IHEQN Common Principles for Student Involvement in Quality Assurance

The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum and the Draft IHEQN Common Principles for Student Involvement in Quality Assurance, circulated as ACC/A8/2.1.1. and ACC/A8/2.1.2. The Committee NOTED the importance of student involvement in establishing quality assurance procedures with regard to improving and maintaining the quality of education and training which is provided by higher education institutions. The Committee AGREED that on-line training and support be also incorporated into the training of students involved in internal and external quality reviews. The Committee RECOMMENDED the Executive to take account of suggestions and amendments which arose during the course of the Committee's discussion, and bring to the attention of the IHEQN and REQUESTED that the final document be brought back to Council for approval.

2.2. Draft HETAC Assessment and Standards 2008

The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum and Draft HETAC Assessment and Standards 2008 circulated as ACC/A8/2.2.1. and ACC/A8/2.2.2 respectively. The Committee NOTED that the consultation process had yielded 27 responses to date and WELCOMED the strong support for this document. The Committee NOTED the concerns raised regarding the use of Sectoral Conventions and Protocols and the importance of obtaining 100% agreement rather than general consensus. The Committee RECOMMENDED the Executive amend the document in light of the consultation process. The Committee REQUESTED the Executive to consider reconvening the Reference Group to discuss issues which had been mentioned during the course of the Committee's meeting and REQUESTED the Executive to bring the post-consultation document to Council for its attention and adoption.

3. Awards Standards

No business.

4. Recognition of Professional Awards

No business.

5. Institutional Review Reports

- 5.1. The Committee NOTED the Terms of Reference for the Dundalk Institute of Technology Institutional Review, circulated as ACC/A8/5.1.1 and COMMENDED the Institute of Technology for its focus on universal higher education and reference to the issue of disadvantaged students.
- 5.2. The Committee NOTED the Membership of Panels for the following Institutional Reviews: Institute of Technology, Sligo, Letterkenny Institute of Technology and Institute of Technology, Tallaght, circulated as ACC/A8/5.2.1. to ACC/A8/5.2.3. respectively.
- 5.3. The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum and the Report of the Evaluation Group on the Application for Extension of Delegated Authority to Make Awards by the Institute of Technology, Tallaght circulated as ACC/A8/5.3.1 and ACC/A7/5.3.2 respectively. The Committee NOTED the positive recommendation of the Evaluation Group to the Application for Extension of Delegated Authority to make awards in respect of research programmes at Level 9 of the National Framework of Qualifications in the specific fields of Engineering and Science and at Level 10 in the fields of Biology and Chemistry and RECOMMENDED the Evaluation Panel Report to the Council for its attention.

6. Implementation of Recommendations of Review Panels

No business.

7. Quality Assurance Procedures

- 7.1. The Committee NOTED the report of the meeting of the Quality Assurance Agreement Panel on 4 December 2008, circulated as ACC/A8/7.1.
- 7.2. The Committee also NOTED that four other providers had satisfied the recommendations of previous Quality Assurance Panels.

8. Validation of Programmes of Higher Education and Training

8.1. Newly Validated Programmes under Delegation of Authority

The Committee has NOTED that a policy on the determination of credits for particular minor awards which may be operated at several Institutes of Technology with variances in the credit weightings, will be developed shortly. Conventions for the titling of Minor and Special Purpose Awards are also subject to ongoing national discussions. Programme titles should be considered provisional.

8.1.1. Institute of Technology, Carlow

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.1.1. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the following programmes as specified in the document circulated:

Major Award

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing in Information Technology Management (Level 8)

Bachelor of Science in Computing in Systems Management (Level 7)

Higher Certificate in Science in Computing in Computer Applications (Level 6)

Bachelor of Business in Business (Level 7)
Bachelor of Arts in Art (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Construction with Facilities Management (Level 8)
Bachelor of Science in Construction in Building & Services Management (Level 7)
Higher Certificate in Science in Construction (Level 6)
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Construction with Quantity Surveying (Level 8)
Bachelor of Science in Construction in Building & Services Management (Level 7)
Higher Certificate in Science in Construction (Level 6)
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Human Resource Management (Level 8)
Bachelor of Engineering in Pilot Studies (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science in TV & Media Production (Level 7)
Bachelor of Arts in Leadership and Community Studies (Level 7)
Higher Certificate in Arts in Leadership and Community Development (Level 6)

Special Purpose Award

Certificate in Process Control & Instrumentation (Level 7)
Certificate in Electrical Principles (Level 6)
Certificate in Project Management (Level 8)
Certificate in Leadership and Community Development (Level 6)

8.1.2. Institute of Technology, Tallaght

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.1.2. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the following programmes as specified in the document circulated:

Major Award

Higher Certificate in Engineering in Mechanical Engineering (Level 6)
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Electro-Mechanical Engineering (Level 6)
Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Distributed and Mobile Computing (Level 9)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Social Care Practice (Level 8)
Bachelor of Arts in Social Care Practice (Level 7)
Master of Science in Pharmaceutical Science (Level 9)

8.1.3. Institute of Technology, Tralee

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.1.3. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the following programmes as specified in the document circulated:

Major Awards

Bachelor of Arts in Hotel & Resort Management (Level 7)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Hotel & Resort Management (Level 8)
Bachelor of Arts in Travel & Tourism Management (Level 7)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Travel & Tourism Management (Level 8)
Bachelor of Arts in Adventure Tourism Management (Level 7)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Adventure Tourism Management (Level 8)
Bachelor of Science in Quantity Surveying (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Civil Engineering Management (Level 8)
Higher Certificate in Science in Pharmaceutical Science (Level 6)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in TV, Radio & New Media Broadcasting (Level 8)
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Music Technology (Level 8)

Higher Diploma in Arts in New Media (Level 8)
Bachelor of Arts in Youth and Community Work Practice (Level 7)
Higher Diploma in Science in Nursing – Gerontological (Level 8)
Higher Diploma in Science in Nursing – Specialist Transition (Level 8)
Higher Diploma in Science in Nursing – Psychosocial Interventions in Mental Health (Level 8)
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Adapted Physical Activity (Level 8)
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Fitness Professional (Level 8)
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Wellness (Level 8)
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Sports Development (Level 8)
Bachelor of Science in Computing in Software Development (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science in Computing with Interactive Web Development (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science in Health and Leisure Studies (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science in Computing in Games Development (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science in Computing with Multimedia (Level 7)

Minor Awards

Certificate in Developing Brief Solution Focused Therapies (Level 8)
Certificate in Developing Preceptorship in Practice (Level 8)
Certificate in Wound Care Management (Level 8)
Certificate in Human Resource Management (Level 8)
Certificate in Event Management (Level 8)
Diploma in Business Management for Entrepreneurs (Level 8)
Certificate in Public Service Management and Leadership (Level 9)
Certificate in Broadcasting (Level 8)
Certificate in Music & Sound Technology (Level 8)
Certificate in Health Promotion, Nutrition and Exercise (Level 8)
Certificate in Education & Curriculum Design (Level 8)
Certificate in Web Development (Level 8)
Certificate in Word Processing/Desktop Publishing (Level 8)
Certificate in Education Technologies (Level 8)
Certificate in Information Technology (Level 8)
Certificate in Managing a Childcare Service (Level 8)
Certificate in Youth Intervention Strategies (Level 8)

8.1.4. Letterkenny Institute of Technology

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.1.4. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the following programmes as specified in the document circulated:

Major Award

Bachelor of Science in Veterinary Nursing (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science in Health and Social Studies (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science in Computing in Multimedia & Digital Entertainment Technology (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing in Computer Games Development (Level 8)
Bachelor of Engineering (Honours) in Mechanical Engineering (Level 8)
Master of Arts in Motion Graphics (Level 9)
Master of Business in Innovation & Leadership (Level 9)

Minor Award

Certificate in Food Management (Level 6)

Special Purpose Award

Certificate in ICT for Tourism/Hospitality Managers (Level 6)

8.1.5. Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology

Ms. Marion Palmer and Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan withdrew from the discussion and decision of this item.

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.1.5. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the following programmes as specified in the document circulated:

Major Award

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Model Making, Design and Digital Effects (Level 8)

Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Entrepreneurship (Level 8)

Bachelor of Engineering in Audio Visual Media Technology (Level 7)

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing in Multimedia Systems/Web Engineering (Level 8)

Special Purpose Award

Certificate in Cyberpsychology (Level 8)

8.1.6. Institute of Technology, Blanchardstown

Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan withdrew from the discussion and decision of this item.

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.1.6. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the following programmes as specified in the document circulated:

Major Award

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computer Systems Management (Level 8)

Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Management (Level 7)

Higher Certificate in Science in Computer Systems Management (Level 6)

Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Management (Level 7)

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computer Systems Management (Level 8)

8.1.7. Waterford Institute of Technology

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.1.7. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the following programmes as specified in the document circulated:

Major Award

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Entertainment Systems (Level 8)

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Airline Transport Operations (Level 8)

Master of Arts in Social Studies (Level 9)

Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Construction Project Management (Level 9)

Higher Diploma in Science in Business Systems Analysis (Level 8)

Bachelor of Science in Good Manufacturing Practice & Technology (Level 7)

Minor Award

Certificate in Manufacturing Business (Level 6)

Certificate in Construction Project Management (Level 9)
Certificate in Office Administration (Level 6)

Special Purpose Award

Certificate in Advocacy Skills (Level 6)
Certificate in Activity in Care Training (Level 6)

The Committee NOTED that some of the listed programmes have been approved retrospectively and NOTED that the Executive has reminded Institutes of Technology to forward programmes for approval in advance of the programme start dates.

8.2. Title Changes under Delegation of Authority/Amendments to Orders in Council

8.2.1. Institute of Technology, Tralee

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.2.1. and ORDERED the following discontinued programmes as specified in the document circulated, be **REMOVED** from the IT Tralee Order in Council:

Major Award

Bachelor of Science in Nursing
Higher Certificate in Science in Photonics
Higher Diploma in Science in Photonics
Bachelor of Science in Food Science
Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Laboratory Science in Education
Master of Science in Laboratory Science in Education
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing with Internet Development
Higher Diploma in Science in Computing
Master of Science in Health Informatics
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Manufacturing Engineering
Bachelor of Business in Tourism and Language
Bachelor of Business in Culinary Arts
Bachelor of Arts in Community Studies
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Community Studies
Higher Certificate in Business in Retail Operations
Bachelor of Business in Retail Management
Higher Certificate in Business with French
Higher Certificate in Business with German
Postgraduate Diploma in Business in Management
Higher Diploma in Arts in Primary School Language Teaching with French
Higher Diploma in Arts in Primary School Language Teaching with German
Higher Certificate in Business in Front Office Management
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing with Enterprise Studies

The Committee also NOTED the following programmes which are no longer accepting new learners but still have registered learners as specified in the document circulated, and ORDERED the listed programmes be **REMOVED** from the IT Tralee Order in Council at the end of the current accreditation period:

Major Award

Bachelor of Business in Tourism

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Hospitality Management
 Bachelor of Business in Bar Management
 Higher Certificate in Science in Applied Chemistry
 Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Retail Management
 Master of Science in Computing

The Committee NOTED that following the proposed restructuring of HETAC staff, there will be a Head of Function dealing with Provider Monitoring and her team will work with providers to ensure that all programme details are correct and up to date and will aid with Programmatic Reviews etc.

8.2.2. Waterford Institute of Technology

The Committee APPROVED the following programme title amendments as outlined in the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.2.2.:

	Original Programme Title	New Programme Title
1.	Bachelor of Science in Commercial Computing WD044 (180 ECTS)	Bachelor of Science in Software Systems Development <i>Effective from: 1 Sept. 2007</i>
2.	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Commercial Software Development WD59 (60 ECTS)	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Software Systems Development <i>Effective from: 1 Sept. 2007</i>
3.	Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Recreation and Leisure WD36 (60 ECTS)	Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Recreation and Sport Management <i>Effective from: 1 Sept. 2007</i>

8.3. Programmatic Reviews for Approval under Delegation of Authority

8.3.1. Institute of Technology, Tallaght

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.3.1. and NOTED the revalidation of the following programmes as a result of a programmatic review:

Major Award

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in European Studies (Level 8)
 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Applied Languages (Level 8)
 Bachelor of Business in Wine and Beverage Management (Level 7) – name change from Bachelor of Business in Bar Management
 Bachelor of Arts in Culinary Arts (Level 7)
 Master of Arts in Interactive Multimedia (Level 9)
 Bachelor of Arts in Theology (Level 7)
 Higher Certificate in Arts in Primary School Language Teaching with Italian (Level 6)
 Higher Certificate in Arts in Primary School Language Teaching with Spanish (Level 6)
 Higher Diploma in Arts in Primary School Language Teaching with French (Level 8)
 Higher Diploma in Arts in Primary School Language Teaching with German (Level 8)

8.3.2. Institute of Technology, Tralee

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.3.2. and NOTED the revalidation of the following programmes as a result of a programmatic review:

Major Awards

Bachelor of Science (Honours) in General Nursing
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Nursing
Master of Science in Nursing
Higher Certificate in Science in Applied Biology
Higher Certificate in Science in Biological & Environmental Studies
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Wildlife Biology
Bachelor of Science in Pharmaceutical Analysis with Forensics
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Pharmaceutical Analysis with Forensics
Higher Certificate in Science in Health & Leisure Studies
Bachelor of Science in Health and Leisure with Massage
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Health and Leisure with Massage
Higher Certificate in Science in Computing
Bachelor of Science in Computing in Software Development
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing in Software Development
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing with Games Development
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Information Systems Management
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing with Multimedia
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Agricultural Engineering
Bachelor of Engineering in Agricultural Engineering
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Construction Plant
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Agricultural Engineering Management
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Mechanical Engineering
Bachelor of Engineering in Production Engineering
Bachelor of Engineering in Mechanical and Electronic Engineering
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Civil Engineering
Bachelor of Engineering in Civil Engineering
Higher Certificate in Science in Construction
Bachelor of Science in Construction
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Construction Management
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Facilities Management
Higher Certificate in Business in Advanced Business
Higher Certificate in Business
Bachelor of Business (Honours)
Master of Business
Master of Business Administration
Higher Certificate in Business in Office Information Systems
Bachelor of Arts in Information Systems Management
Bachelor of Arts in Information Systems Management
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Information Systems Management
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Interactive Multimedia

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Folk Theatre Studies
 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Early Childhood Care and Education
 Bachelor of Business (Honours)
Specialisations: Accounting
 Marketing
 Management
 Bachelor of Business
Specialisations: Accounting
 Marketing
 Management
 Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Manufacturing Engineering Management

Special Purpose Award

Certificate in Building Energy Rating for New Dwellings

The Committee also NOTED the revalidation of the following programmes including title changes as a result of a programmatic review:

	Current Programme Title	Proposed Programme Title
1.	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Psychiatric Nursing <i>240 ECTS TL059</i>	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Mental Health Nursing
2.	Bachelor of Science in Analytical Science <i>60 ECTS TL024</i>	Bachelor of Science in Applied Biology
3.	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Analytical Science with Product and Process Development <i>60 ECTS TL38</i>	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Applied Biology
4.	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physical Education Studies <i>TL52 60 ECTS</i>	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Physical Education
5.	Bachelor of Arts in Applied Social Studies in Social Care <i>180 ECTS TL057</i>	Bachelor of Arts in Social Care
6.	Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Electronic Business <i>240 ECTS TL42</i>	Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Business Information Systems
7.	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing with Internet Development Technology <i>240 ECTS TL45</i>	Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing with Interactive Web Development

8.4. New Providers – First Programme(s) for Approval

No business.

8.5. New Programmes for Approval

8.5.1. Provider: Independent College

Programme: Master of Arts in Journalism – Major Award (Level 9)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as ACC/A8/8.5.1. The Committee APPROVED the specified programme. The Committee NOTED the Executive's clarification on entry requirements for this programme.

8.5.2. Provider: National College of Ireland

Programme: Bachelor of Arts in Active Citizenship for Social Change – Major Award (Level 7)
Diploma in Community Organising – Minor Award (Level 7)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as ACC/A8/8.5.2. The Committee APPROVED the specified programmes. The Committee NOTED this programme is a joint initiative between NCI and the Dublin Docklands Development Authority (DDDA).

8.5.3. Provider: Hibernia College

Programme: Postgraduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning – Major Award (Level 9)
Master of Arts in Teaching and Learning – Major Award (Level 9)
Certificate in Additional Learning Needs – Minor Award (Level 9)
Certificate in i-learning – Minor Award (Level 9)
Certificate in Diversity, Development and Disadvantage – Minor Award (Level 9)
Certificate in Contemporary Issues in Education – Minor Award (Level 9)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as ACC/A8/8.5.3. The Committee APPROVED the specified programmes.

8.5.4. Provider: Irish Management Institute

Programme: Certificate in Management Practice – Special Purpose Award (Level 9)
Certificate in Management Practice for Financial Professionals – Special Purpose Award (Level 9)
Certificate in Business Development – Special Purpose Award (Level 7)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as ACC/A8/8.5.4. The Committee APPROVED the specified programmes. The Committee NOTED that the Certificate in Management Practice was developed by the provider in conjunction with the Kerry Group and the Certificate in Business Development was developed by the provider in conjunction with the Irish Small and Medium Enterprises Association (ISME).

- 8.5.5. Provider: Tipperary Institute**
Programme: Certificate in Building Energy Rating (All Dwellings) – Special Purpose Award (Level 6)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as ACC/A8/8.5.5. The Committee APPROVED the specified programme. The Committee NOTED that this was an extension to an existing programme and also NOTED the pass mark required by Sustaining Energy Ireland (SEI) for membership of their organisation is higher than the pass mark for the programme as required by HETAC.

The Committee REQUESTED the Executive to monitor all new programmes and existing modules relating to this area to ensure consistency in BER qualifications across the sector.

- 8.5.6. Provider: Institute of Technology, Carlow/Henan University of Finance and Economics, China**
Programme: Bachelor of Science in Computer Systems Management – Major Award (Level 7)
Bachelor of Science in Software Development – Major Award (Level 7)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as ACC/A8/8.5.6. The Committee APPROVED the specified programmes. The Committee NOTED a site visit had taken place and also NOTED that a Memorandum of Understanding between the two providers had been agreed.

- 8.5.7. Provider: Griffith College, Dublin**
Programme: Certificate in SME Management – Special Purpose Award (Level 7)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as ACC/A8/8.5.7. The Committee APPROVED the specified programme.

8.6. Title Changes/Programme Amendments for Approval

8.6.1. Carlow College

The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.6.1. and APPROVED the specified amendments to the following programmes:

Major Awards

Bachelor of Arts in Philosophy, Theology and Arts

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Philosophy, Theology and Arts

8.6.2. Dublin Business School

The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as ACC/A8/8.6.2. The Committee APPROVED the request for the extension of the current period of accreditation to the following programmes, by one intake to September 2009 (inclusive):

Major Awards

Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting and Finance

The Committee NOTED the provider's commitment to undertake a programmatic review within the life of the accreditation.

8.7. Programmatic Reviews for Approval

No business.

8.8. Joint Awards and Approval of Joint Awarding Agreements

No business

8.9. Validation of Research Degree Programmes

8.9.1. Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum and the report of the HETAC Panel on the assessment of the application by Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology to submit to HETAC on a case-by-case basis, applications for registration of PhD programmes in Heritage Studies, circulated as ACC/A8/8.9.1(a)-(b). The Committee DEFERRED their decision pending receipt of a complete document.

8.9.2. Institute of Technology, Sligo

The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum, the report of the HETAC Panel on the assessment of the application by Institute of Technology, Sligo for accreditation to maintain a Postgraduate Research Degree Register in Socio-Economic Studies at Master's and Doctoral Levels, circulated as ACC/A8/8.9.2(a)-(b). The Committee DEFERRED the decision to accredit Institute of Technology, Sligo to maintain a Postgraduate Research Degree Register in the area of Socio-Economic Studies, pending a response from the Institute to the findings of the report. The Committee ASKED that the Executive clarify the policy on withdrawal of requests for accreditation.

8.10. Transnational Programme Validation/Collaborative Provision Programmes

No business.

9. Amendment to Organisation Title/Campus Changes

No business.

10. Any Other Business

No business.

The next meeting of the Academic Committee will take place in the Boardroom of HETAC Offices, 26/27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on Monday, 30 March 2009 at 11:00 a.m.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed: _____
Chairperson

Date: _____