

## Committee of Council

Minutes of the fifth meeting of the Committee of Council which took place on Thursday, 26 April 2007 in the Boardroom, HETAC Offices, 26/27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 at 10:30 a.m.

**PRESENT:** Chairperson/Chief Executive: Mr. Séamus Puirseil  
Secretary: Mr. Tadhg Ó hÉalaithe  
Dr. Diarmuid O'Callaghan

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Mr. Joe Cox  
Dr. Peter Cullen (Items 3 to 7)  
Ms. Caitríona Lawless

### 1. Newly Validated Programmes under Delegation of Authority

#### 1.1. Galway-Mayo Institute of Technology

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as Item 1.1. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the Bachelor of Science in Internet Technologies as specified in the document circulated.

#### 1.2. Institute of Technology, Tallaght

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as Item 1.2. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the Higher Diploma in Business in Marketing Management as specified in the document circulated

#### 1.3. Dundalk Institute of Technology

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as Item 1.3.1. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the Master of Business Administration as specified in the document circulated.

The Committee NOTED the content of the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as Item 1.3.2. and ORDERED that authority be delegated to the above Institute for the Minor Award – Certificate in Youth Studies as specified in the document circulated. The Committee made this order subject to any decisions Council may make in relation to programme titles for non-Major awards.

The Committee NOTED that it is planned that a proposal in relation to programme titles will be placed before the Council at its meeting on 27/28 May 2007.

The Committee DIRECTED that documents placed before Committees in future should carry the credit value for the programmes specified as well as the information currently provided.

## 2. Programme Approvals

### 2.1. **Provider:** Thomas Crosbie Holdings

Programme: Bachelor of Arts in Sales

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 2.1. The Committee AGREED to approve the specified programme.

The Committee REQUESTED that the matter of programme titles in relation to the use of Bachelor of Arts versus Bachelor of Business be examined by the Academic Committee upon its establishment.

The Committee AGREED that there is a need for an examination of the Council's General Conditions of Validation and Accreditation and the follow up of same.

The Committee REQUESTED that the Academic Committee upon its establishment should ensure that in future, 'Intakes Approved' on Orders of Council and Certificates of Programme Accreditation should read "from date to date plus 5 years or the next Programmatic Review"

e.g. "From 1 September 2006 to 31 August 2011 or the next Programmatic Review."

### 2.2. **Provider:** Fáilte Ireland

Programme: Postgraduate Diploma in Hospitality & Tourism Education

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 2.2. The Committee AGREED to approve the specified programme.

### 2.3. **Provider:** Setanta College

Programme: Certificate in Physical Fitness and Conditioning, Level 6 – Special Purpose Award

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 2.3. The Committee AGREED to approve the specified programme. The Committee also NOTED that Setanta College has a Memorandum of Understanding in place with both Tipperary Institute and the University of Limerick regarding the use of their facilities for the provision of the programme.

### 2.4. **Provider:** Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology

Programme: Master of Science in Cyberpsychology

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 2.4. The Committee AGREED to approve the specified programme

### 2.5. **Provider:** National Centre for Guidance in Education

Programme: Diploma in Whole School Guidance Planning, Level 8 – Special Purpose Award

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 2.4. The Committee AGREED to approve the specified programme.

### 3. Joint Awards.

- 3.1. **Provider:** Griffith College/Nottingham Trent University  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Legal Studies with Business

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated (for information) as Item 3.1. and also NOTED that correspondence had issued to Griffith College regarding the Programmatic Review now due on this programme.

The Committee NOTED that the Honourable Society of King's Inns had since July 2006 accepted a degree, in the law of Ireland or in the law of Northern Ireland, awarded by HETAC as satisfying the Society's entrance requirements for the Barrister-at-Law Degree Course.

- 3.2. **Provider:** Dublin Business School/Liverpool John Moores University  
**Programmes:** (a) Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business and Psychology  
(b) Master of Science in Computing and Information Systems  
(c) Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration (International)  
(d) Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration (Executive)  
(e) Postgraduate Diploma in Computing and Information Systems  
(f) Master of Business Administration (Executive)  
(g) Master of Business Administration (International)

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 3.2.(a – g). The Committee AGREED to the joint accreditation, with the University, of the specified programmes.

- 3.3. **Provider:** Cork Institute of Technology/University College, Cork  
**Programme:** Master of Science in Biomedical Sciences

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 3.3. The Committee AGREED to the joint accreditation, with the University, of the specified programme.

The Committee NOTED that the Joint Award Agreement in this case is between HETAC and the University as the delegation of authority granted to Cork Institute of Technology does not cover Joint Awards.

- 3.4. **Provider:** Letterkenny Institute of Technology/University of Ulster  
**Programme:** (a) Master of Science in Innovation Management in the Public Sector  
(b) Postgraduate Diploma in Science in Innovation Management in the Public Sector

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 3.4. The Committee AGREED to the request for an extension to the accreditation of the specified programmes until 10 June 2008.

#### 4. Professional and International Recognition Applications

The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum circulated as Item 4 regarding the current Professional and International Recognition Applications.

The Committee NOTED that a panel had been appointed to assess the application from the Association of Chartered Certified Accountants for recognition at Level 9 on the National Framework of Qualifications, in respect of its professional award and this panel would meet shortly.

The Committee also NOTED that two other major accountancy bodies in the State are at a preliminary stage with their applications and the Society of Chartered Surveyors had completed part one of their application for placement of their award on the Framework.

The Committee NOTED that the Open University had submitted its application for recognition on the Framework and also NOTED that negotiations were ongoing between NQAI and QCA (Qualifications and Curriculum Authority, UK) regarding the possibility of their quality assurance extending to Ireland. This development would assist with the alignment of certain UK awarding bodies (e.g. City and Guilds) with the Framework.

The Committee NOTED that work is continuing on the alignment of City and Guilds awards with the Framework.

#### 5. Programmatic Review

##### 5.1. Institute of Technology, Tallaght

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated as Item 5.1. and AGREED the validation of the following programmes which were the subject of the Programmatic Review:

<b>Title of Named Award Programme Title</b>	<b>Higher Certificate in Business</b> Higher Certificate in Business in Accounting Higher Certificate in Business in Business Administration Higher Certificate in Business in Marketing
<b>Title of Named Award Programme Title</b>	<b>Bachelor of Arts</b> Bachelor of Arts in Technology Management
<b>Title of Named Award Programme Title</b>	<b>Bachelor of Business</b> Bachelor of Business in Accounting Bachelor of Business in Management Bachelor of Business in Marketing Bachelor of Business in People Management
<b>Title of Named Award Programme Title</b>	<b>Bachelor of Business (Honours)</b> Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Accounting Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Management Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Marketing Management

**Title of Named Award**  
**Programme Title**

**Bachelor of Science (Honours)**  
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Technology  
Management

The Committee also ORDERED the updating of the Institute's Order of Council.

**6. Report on the Outcome of the Postgraduate Review Process**

The Committee NOTED the interim report on the Outcome of the Postgraduate Review Process circulated as Item 6. The Committee also NOTED that each Institute of Technology had received a draft report relating to its own review, for comment and work is under way on a general report relating to the review of the system within the sector.

The Committee NOTED that feedback regarding this new system had been positive.

The Committee REQUESTED that a comprehensive list of new registrants for postgraduate awards should be compiled each year and the list should also include first time renewals and learners registered with Institutes with delegated authority for postgraduate research awards.

**7. Any Other Business.**

The Committee NOTED that panel visits organised by HETAC and AQAS for the Joint Award application made by Cork Institute of Technology and Fachhochschule Darmstadt, Germany, had recently taken place. The Committee NOTED that a meeting of the Committee of Council may be called in the coming weeks to consider the findings of the panel; members will be contacted regarding this.

THIS CONCLUDED THE BUSINESS OF THE MEETING.

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

Date: \_\_\_\_\_