

## **PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**

### **Report for Council on meeting of 13 December 2005**

#### **1. PROGRAMMES APPROVED**

**Provider:** Institute of Technology Tallaght  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Science in Computing

**Provider:** Institute of Technology Tallaght  
**Programme:** Master of Science in Distributed and Mobile Computing

**Provider:** Institute of Technology Tallaght  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Science in IT Management

**Provider:** Griffith College Dublin  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Science in Computing

#### **2. PROGRAMMATIC REVIEWS**

**Provider:** Portobello College  
**Programmes:** Higher Certificate in Business Studies  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business Studies  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Marketing  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting and Finance

#### **3. AMENDMENTS TO EXISTING PROGRAMMES**

**Provider:** Carlow College  
**Programmes:** Bachelor of Arts in Humanities  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Humanities

APPROVED the college's proposal to introduce a new 5 credit elective subject entitled 'Hispanic Studies' at Stages 1 and 2 of the BA in Humanities programmes, and to introduce two new 10 credit

elective subjects, 'Creative Writing' and 'Drama and Theatre Studies' to Stage 3 of both degree programmes and Stage 4 of the Honours course.

**Provider:** HSI Limerick Business School  
**Programme:** One-year Certificate in Travel and Tourism

The college requested to substitute *ab initio* Spanish for *ab initio* German and Intermediate French, and to offer Upper Intermediate English for students whose native language is not English. After seeking an external view on the matter the committee approved this request subject to HSI defining a satisfactory entry standard.

#### 4. **PROGRAMMES DEFERRED**

**Provider:** Dundalk Institute of Technology  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Arts in Video and Film Production

#### 5. **JOINT PROGRAMME APPROVALS**

**Provider:** Griffith College in conjunction with Nottingham Trent University  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in Irish Law  
**Approved locations:** Griffith College Dublin Campus and Griffith College Cork Campus

**Programmes:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business and Law  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in International Hospitality Management  
Postgraduate Diploma in International Business Management  
Master of Science in International Business Management  
Master of Business Administration in International Business  
**Approved location:** Griffith College Dublin Campus

**Provider:** Portobello College Dublin in conjunction with the University of Wales  
**Programmes:** Bachelor of Laws (Honours) in Irish Law  
**Approved location:** Portobello College Dublin, Main Campus

## **6. OTHER BUSINESS**

### **6.1 Embedded Standards and Exit Awards**

The Committee noted that, at its meeting on 28 November 2005, Council agreed to this committee's recommendation that the accreditation of *ab initio* programmes leading to level 7 and 8 awards on the NFQ facilitating the making of exit awards be approved. The Committee requested that the executive inform the Chairman of the Council of Registrars and the Chairman of HECA of this decision.

### **6.2 Programme Titles**

The committee agreed to advise the Council that it had considered the issue of programme titles and felt there was no significant inconsistency. It further agreed to advise the Council that an appropriate time for a review of policy in relation to titles would be during the review of The Framework of Qualifications in 2007.

### **6.3 Griffith College**

**6.3.1** The Committee noted the correspondence (17 November 2005) received from Griffith College Dublin and the request to extend the provision of the following Griffith College Dublin programmes to Griffith College Cork:

- Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business Studies
- Higher Certificate in Business

On the basis of Mr Tadhg Ó hÉalaithe's report on Griffith College Cork (26 August 2005) the Committee approved the request to extend the provision of these programmes to Griffith College Cork, subject to the period of validation stipulated in the Certificates of Programme Accreditation for these programmes.

**6.3.2** The Committee noted the correspondence (22 November 2005) received from Griffith College Dublin and the request to extend the provision of the following GCD programme to GCC:

- Bachelor of Arts in Journalism and Media Communications (Level 7)

The committee did not approve the above request and recommended that, should the college wish to pursue this issue, a verification process would be required whereby a member of the executive would visit the college to examine the proposed location for delivery of the programme to identify that the necessary resources were adequate for the provision of the programme.

### **6.4 Review of HETAC**

Dr Bryan Maguire outlined the plans for the review of HETAC as provided for under Section 9 of The Qualifications Act and ENQA Guidelines. He stated that he would welcome the view of this committee on how the Self-evaluation Process should be undertaken.