

## **PROGRAMME ACCREDITATION COMMITTEE**

### **Report on meeting of 27 September 2005**

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

**Provider:** Dublin Business School  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours)

**Provider:** Dublin Business School  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Psychology

**Provider:** Dublin Business School  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Journalism

**Provider:** Dublin Business School  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Film, Literature and Drama

**Provider:** Dublin Business School  
**Programme:** Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Media and Cultural Studies

**Provider:** Irish Management Institute  
**Programme:** Special Purpose Award – Level –7 Diploma in Business Development

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

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

**Programmes:** Bachelor of Business in Enterprise  
Bachelor of Business (Honours) in Entrepreneurship  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in English, Media and Cultural Studies  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business Studies and Arts Management  
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Computing in Multimedia Systems  
Bachelor of Engineering in Digital Media Technology  
Bachelor of Science in Computing in Multimedia Programming  
Bachelor of Science (Honours) in Psychology Applied to Information Technology  
Higher Certificate in Engineering in Audiovisual Media Technology

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

### 3.1 **APPROVED**

#### **HSI Limerick Business School**

One-Year Certificate in Travel and Tourism

#### **Institute of Technology Blanchardstown**

Eight new modules relating to Human Resource Management

#### **Griffith College**

Bachelor of Arts in Marketing (level 7) and Higher Certificate in Business

#### **Institute of Technology Carlow**

Bachelor of Arts in Early Childhood Studies

#### **Institute of Technology Carlow**

Common First Year in Computing

### 3.2 **NOT APPROVED**

#### **National College of Ireland**

Proposed change in assessment for the Master of Arts in Finance

#### **Institute of Technology Blanchardstown**

Proposal to add an additional module to existing Applied Social Care programmes, specifically for supervisory staff involved in practice placement. The Committee requested the executive to explore other options with the institute.

#### **Dundalk Institute of Technology**

Bachelor of Arts in Film and TV - Review of Level of outcomes

The PAC recommended that the institute apply to the Council using the template for Level 8 as per the transition process.

## 4. **OTHER BUSINESS**

### 4.1 **Embedded standards and exit awards**

The Committee noted the feedback received from the Council of Registrars of the Institutes of Technology and HECA to the paper on embedded standards which was sent to them for consultation and comment.

It was agreed that the committee would recommend to Council the accreditation of abinitio programmes leading to level 7 and 8 awards on the National Framework of Qualifications, which facilitate the making of exit awards. Providers who wish to offer such programmes (whether as a result of new design or conversion of existing programmes) must have them validated/accredited by the Programme Accreditation Committee or under the internal validation arrangements of institutes with delegated authority as set out in the quality assurance procedures which have been agreed with Council. The Committee also agreed to recommend to the Council that it might be useful for the Council to discuss (perhaps with the Council of Directors of ITs,) an agreed protocol for learner eligibility to receive an exit award(s).

### 4.2 **Paper on Bologna credit compliance**

The Committee agreed to refer this matter to Council.

#### **4.3 Griffith College**

The Committee considered a report submitted by the Secretary and Director of Corporate Services. HETAC on a request by Griffith College Dublin (GCD) to offer specific courses currently approved for Dublin location at Skerry's Business College, and to offer courses currently available in Cork in their Dublin premises.

The Committee heard that GCD has had its quality assurance procedures approved subject to amendments but that the procedures in question make no reference to quality assurance arrangements for Skerry's Business College (SBC) in Cork.

The Committee approved the recommendations of the report for the provision of programmes, namely:

- that the BA in Accounting and Finance be delivered at GCC from September 2005 and that the Bachelor of Arts in Marketing, the Higher Certificate in Business Studies, the Higher Certificate in Business Studies in Computer Application, the One year Certificate in Business in Intercultural Studies and the One Year Certificate in Travel and Tourism, currently approved for SBC be approved for delivery at GCD from September 2005.

The Committee approved the above arrangements subject to the GCD quality assurance procedures stipulating the quality assurance arrangements for all its locations and having those comprehensive procedures agreed with the Council.

#### **4.4 Next meeting**

Suggested dates for next meeting which will be held before year-end to be circulated to members.