

**Academic Policy & Regulations Committee**

There will be a meeting of the Academic Policy & Regulations Committee at **2.00 pm** on **Tuesday 3 February 2009**, in Room 203, Law Building.

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Clare McCauley  
Secretary

**AGENDA**

1. Minutes APRC.09.02.01  
(Enclosed)

*To approve:*

The minutes of the meeting held on 9 October 2008.

2. Matters arising on the minutes not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

(a) Student Complaints Procedure (Minute 08/50 (b) refers)

*To note:*

That a revised Student Complaints Procedure had been circulated to members for comment by correspondence and had been approved.

(b) Request for Exemption from Regulations governing the classification of degrees for the intercalated BMedSc programmes in Clinical Science and Medicine in Society (Minute 08/52 refers)

*To note:*

That this item will be considered at a future meeting of APRC.

(c) The Framework for Higher Education Qualifications in England, Wales and Northern Ireland (FHEQ) (Minute 08/57 refers)

*To note:*

That further work on the FHEQ and the Higher Education Credit Framework is currently being undertaken and will be reported to APRC in due course.

3. Terms of Reference of the Research Progress and Awards Sub-Panel APRC.09.02.02  
(Enclosed)

*To consider:*

Revisions to the terms of reference of the Research Progress and Awards Sub-Panel (a Sub-Panel of the Progress and Awards Board), which had been identified at the meeting of the Progress and Awards Board on 17 November 2008.

4. Amendments to Legislation – to take effect from 2009/10

*To consider:*

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| (a) Proposed amendment to Regulations to require an electronic copy of postgraduate research theses to be held by the University's Library. | APRC.09.02.03<br>(Enclosed) |
| (b) Changes to Regulations to clarify requirements for aegrotat degrees and posthumous awards.  | APRC.09.02.04<br>(Enclosed) |
| (c) Changes to the Code of Practice on Assessment of Research Degree Theses and Regulations.  | APRC.09.02.05<br>(Enclosed) |

5. Proposed Code of Practice on the Assessment of Taught Modules

APRC.09.02.06  
(Enclosed)

*To consider:*

The Code of Practice to replace the current Assessment Protocols (Undergraduate) and Assessment Protocols (Postgraduate) and an accompanying paper.

6. Code of Practice on the Freedom of Speech on Campus

*To note:*

That, following a review of the Code after 12 months of operation, the Director of Hospitality and Accommodation Services has confirmed that the Code of Practice is working effectively. However, the need for a Code of Practice for demonstrations held on campus has been identified and it is intended that this should be considered by a future meeting of the Committee.

7. Chair's Action

*To report:*

That Chair's Action was taken between October 2008 and January 2009, in relation to an amendment to the Assessment Protocols in respect of the constitution of Boards of Examiners.

8. Date of Meetings for the Academic Year 2008/09

*To note:*

That the next meeting of APRC will be held in Committee Room 1 (G32, Aston Webb) on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May 2009 at 2.30 pm.