

# UNIVERSITY OF BIRMINGHAM

## Academic Policy & Regulations Committee

There will be a meeting of the Academic Policy & Regulations Committee at **2.30 pm** on **19 May 2011**, in The Beale Room (Committee Room 1, G32, Aston Webb).

Apologies for absence should be addressed to Nina Morris, Academic and Student Administration, Academic Services (tel. 42265 email: n.l.morris@bham.ac.uk).

Nina Morris  
Secretary

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### AGENDA

1 Minutes

*To approve:*

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| (a) The minutes of the meeting held on 03 February 2011 | APRC 11.05.01<br>(enclosed) |
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2 Constitution for 2011/12

Oral report from  
Chair

3 Matters arising on the Minutes not addressed elsewhere on the agenda

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| (a) Report on working group to look at Code of Practice Student Development and Support (postponed) | Oral report from<br>Secretary |
| (b) Feedback on action point 11/3 (c) regarding a registered student's attempt to pass a module     | Oral report from<br>Secretary |
| (c) Practice based research in CAL  | Oral report from<br>Secretary |

4 Amendment to Codes of Practice on Student Development and Support in Schools and Taught Programme and Module Assessment

APRC 11.05.02  
(enclosed)

A proposal to amend sections 3.2.2 and 7.1 respectively with regards to four week assessment feedback.

5 Amendment to Regulation 6.1.3 (a) (viii)

APRC 11.05.03  
(enclosed)

A proposal to approve in principle the addition of the award of DPharm to those listed under the heading of Professional Doctorate.

6 Amendment to Regulation 5.1.1

APRC 11.05.04  
(enclosed)

A proposal to include an additional clause in Regulation 5.1.1 relating to eligibility for admission to the DDS and the MD.

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| 7  | <u>Amendments to the Student Representation System Policy</u><br><br>Amendments to the Student Representation System Policy to improve clarity and to ensure that all aspects are appropriate for practical implementation. | APRC 11.05.05<br>(enclosed)               |
| 8  | <u>Changes to Regulations and Code of Practice for Postgraduate Research Degrees</u><br><br>Changes to a range of Codes of Practice and Regulations following a review of postgraduate research degrees legislation         | APRC 11.05.06<br>(enclosed)               |
|    | (a) Amendments to Regulations 7.6.2 and Code of Practice on Higher Doctorates   | APRC 11.05.06<br>Appendix A<br>(enclosed) |
|    | (b) Amendments to Regulations 7.5.2, 7.5.3, 7.5.4, 7.5.8 and the addition of 7.5.9 and Code of Practice on Assessment and Award of PhD by Published Work  | APRC 11.05.06<br>Appendix B<br>(enclosed) |
|    | (c) Amendments to Code of Practice on Supervision and Monitoring Progress of Research Students  | APRC 11.05.06<br>Appendix C<br>(enclosed) |
|    | (d) Amendments to Regulations 7.4.4, 7.4.5 and 7.4.7 and Code of Practice for Assessment of Research Degree Theses  | APRC 11.05.06<br>Appendix D<br>(enclosed) |
|    | (e) Amendment to Code of Practice for Split Location Study for Postgraduate Research Students   | APRC 11.05.06<br>Appendix E<br>(enclosed) |
|    | (f) Addition of a new Regulation 7.4.8 (d) relating to transfer from a postgraduate taught degree to a postgraduate research degree   | APRC 11.05.06<br>Appendix F<br>(enclosed) |
| 9  | <u>Research Progress and Awards Sub Panel Terms of Reference and Membership</u><br><br>Request to approve proposed changes to the membership of the Sub-Panel.  | APRC 11.05.07<br>(enclosed)               |
| 10 | <u>Amendments to Student Concerns and Complaints Policy</u><br><br>Amendments to Student Concerns and Complaints Policy proposed following further consultation with Legal Services and the Guild of Students.              | APRC 11.05.08<br>(to follow)              |
| 11 | <u>Leave of Absence Working Group</u><br><br>Report of the Leave of Absence Working Group and request to create a new Code of Practice formalising existing current practice.   | APRC 11.05.09<br>(enclosed)               |

12 Requests for Exemption

- a) Exemption from Regulations 7.3.1 (d) for the Intercalated BMedSc

APRC 11.05.10  
(enclosed)

A request for exemption to Regulation 7.3.1 (d) for the intercalated BMedSc in Clinical Science and the intercalated BMedSc programmes grouped under the heading of Population Sciences and Humanities.

- b) Exemption from the Code of Practice on Taught Programme and Module Assessment for the MBChB

APRC 11.05.11  
(enclosed)

A paper seeking exemption from the Code of Practice on Taught Programme and Module Assessment for the MBChB required to normalise current procedure, and seek freedom to approve assessment policy in line with future GMC Policy/Sector Norms.

- c) Multiple exemptions for a suite of MRes programmes in LES

APRC 11.05.12  
(enclosed)

A paper seeking exemption from various Regulations and Codes of Practice for the current academic year only (2010/11) for a suite of MRes programmes within the College of LES.

13 Chair's Action

APRC 11.05.13  
(enclosed)

*To report:*

That Chair's Action was taken between February 2011 and May 2011 in relation to:

- a) Foundation Degree in Professional Golf Studies
- b) PhD Practice Based Research Dramaturgy, PhD Practice Based Research Performance, PhD Practice Based Research Playwriting
- c) PhD Applied Linguistics
- d) PGDip Physicians Assistant Studies
- e) Birmingham Business School part time MBA programmes
- f) Minor amendment to Code of Practice on Taught Programme and Module Assessment

14 Date of Meetings for the Academic Year 2010/11

That the next meeting of APRC will be held in Arts G37 on Monday 6 June 2011 at 11.30 am.