

University of Birmingham

Paper outlining Chair's Actions taken between February and May 2011

Topic and Purpose of the paper

- 1      APRC is invited to **receive** the attached report and to **note** the Chair's Actions.

Chair's Actions

- 2      The following actions were taken between February and May 2011

- a)      Foundation Degree in Professional Golf Studies

Action taken on 08 February 2011 to regularise a number of programme requirements/outcomes that are currently outside of Regulations, but have been in effect for a number of years. The recommendations for regularisation were considered as part of a recent collaborative review on the programme, and were fully endorsed by the Chair of the Review, Professor Peter Byars.

- b)      PhD Practice Based Research Dramaturgy, PhD Practice Based Research Performance, PhD Practice Based Research Playwriting

Action taken on 13 February 2011 as an addendum to the exemption granted from Regulation 7.4.2 (d) at APRC of 03 February 2011 to the PhD in Practice-based Research, Dramaturgy, Performance and Playwriting. This exemption now extends to the three separate proposed PhDs in CAL noted above, rather than one composite PhD for which the original exemption was granted.

- c)      PhD Applied Linguistics

Action taken on 17 February 2011 to allow the PhD Applied Linguistics Sandwich and Modular programmes to be exempt from the minimum residency period of full-time research as stated in Code of Practice on Split Location Study for Postgraduate Research Students 7.1 (consultation via email with full Committee).

- d)      PGDip Physicians Assistant Studies

Action taken on 08 March 2011 to extend the exemptions granted via Chair's Action in November 2007 for the Postgraduate Diploma in Physician Assistant Studies, in the College of Medical and Dental Sciences, relating to Postgraduate Taught regulations 4.3.5(1), 4.3.5(12), 4.3.6(4), 4.3.7(2), 4.3.7(4), 4.3.7(9) and 4.3.8(1). This extension will be in operation until the current cohort completes.

- e)      Birmingham Business School part time MBA programmes

Action taken on 08 March 2011 to regularise an existing exemption from Regulation 6.1.2 (g), and further extend this exemption to one new programme in the Birmingham Business School. The exemption allows all existing part-time MBA programmes and the proposed new MBA Public Service offered by

Birmingham Business School to be permitted to continue utilising a 15-credit module structure indefinitely.

- f) Minor amendment to Code of Practice on Taught Programme and Module Assessment

Action taken on 22 March 2011 to approve minor amendments relating to feedback to students who have failed modules in the main examination period which were previously approved through the U-L&TC and informed by the Pro-Vice-Chancellor's advisory group. The approval of APRC was requested in order to formalise these changes in order for implementation in the regulations.

**Timing**

- 3 To come into effect from 2010/11