For APRC
16th May 2013

APRC.13.05.**01**

Academic Policy & Regulations Committee

11th February 2013

CONFIRMED MINUTES

Members present: Professor J S Bale, Deputy Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Education (in the Chair)
Dr A Cooper, College of Medical and Dental Sciences
Professor K Dowden, College of Arts and Law
Mr S Furse, Birmingham University Guild of Students
Ms C M Pike, Legal Services
Professor J Rowe, College of Engineering and Physical Sciences
Professor C M Thomas, College of Life and Environmental Science
Dr G Watson, College of Social Science

Also present: Mrs Gillian Davis, Registry (Secretary)

Papers: The Minute Book contains copies of all written papers or reports referred to below. Agenda and papers are also available via http://www.as.bham.ac.uk/legislation/APRC.shtml.

13/01 Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Considered:

The minutes of the meeting held on 23 November 2012 (APRC.13.02.01).

Resolved:

That the minutes be approved as set out in paper APRC. 13.02.01.

13/02 Non-School Programmes

Considered:

A proposals for amendments to legislation which would provide for programmes delivered outside of a standard School system, with effect from 2013/14 (APRC.13.02.02).

Resolved:

That further work should be undertaken with the Legal Office to ensure that there is clarity between School and Department, and to ensure that only the appropriate rights are assigned to academic units.

13/03 Credit Accumulation

Considered:

A proposal for the introduction of a Regulation that would permit credit accumulation, outside of a structured programme, to lead to an award of the University, with effect from 2013/14 (APRC.13.02.03).

Resolved:

That the proposal be approved as set out in paper APRC.13.02.03, and that any guidance on this matter should include the requirement that Schools provide appropriate tutorial advice, at an early stage, to students who show an interest in pursuing further study.

13/04 Classified Degrees for those Not Likely to Complete

Considered:

A proposed amendment to the Code of Practice on Taught Programme and Module Assessment (APRC.13.02.04).

Resolved:

a) That Progress and Awards Board be asked to reconsider the matter, taking into account:
   ii) Whether the requirement to achieve 60 credits in the final year is too high, particularly as many of the University's programmes are assessed on final examination only;
   iii) Whether year one marks should be taken into account when reviewing the student's profile;
   iv) Whether work that is completed but not yet submitted could be submitted on the student's behalf.
b) That any further amendments should be considered alongside the existing Regulations.

13/05 Undergraduate Masters

Considered:

A proposed amendment to Regulation to clarify the credit requirements for undergraduate masters programmes (APRC.13.02.05).

Resolved:

That the proposed amendment to Regulation 6 are approved as set out in APRC.13.02.05, with effect from 2013/14, subject to the following amendment (original amendments underlined, further amendments emboldened:

*- at stage 3 of a 480 credit undergraduate masters degree include 120 credits at level H and 120 credits at level **M**, but may include up to 20 credits at level I in place of 20 level H credits*

13/06 Joint Honours

Considered:

Proposed introduction of flexibility into Joint Honours programmes (APRC.13.02.06).

Resolved:

That the introduction of flexibility into the Joint Honours programmes be approved in principle as set out in paper APRC.13.02.06, and that a further paper be submitted to the committee before the conclusion of the session with proposed amendments to the Legislation supporting this principle.

13/07 Progress and Awards Board

Received:

A report from the Progress and Awards Board (APRC.13.02.07).

13/08 Any Other Business

Request for Exemption from Regulation 6

Considered:

A request for exemption from Regulation 6.2.3 (c) for the MRes Food Quality and Health, with effect from 2013/14 (APRC.13.02.AOB).

Resolved:

That the requested exemption be approved as set out in paper APRC.13.02.AOB, for all students on the programme, with effect from 2013/14, subject to confirmation to the Chair that the longer programme length will not attract a pro-rata increase in fees.

13/09 Date of the Next Meeting

Noted:

That the next meeting of APRC would be on **Wednesday 27th March 2013,** at **10.00am**.