For APRC APRC.13.06.**08**
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Amendment to the Regulations – Examinations and Results Processing Period

1. Topic and purpose of Paper

The Committee is invited ***to consider*** and***,*** if thought appropriate***, to approve*** an amendment to the Section 5 of the Regulations (Admission and Registration) from 1st August 2013.

2. Proposal

It is proposed that Regulation 5.2.2 (d) is amended as follows:

5.2.2 (d) The University Session consists of normally 30 weeks as specified by the council which is divided into two Semesters, each notionally comprising fifteen weeks of learning, teaching and assessment, organised as follows:

- Learning and teaching for Semester 1: 11 weeks
- Learning and teaching for Semester 2: 11 weeks
- Combined Semester 1 and Semester 2 revision and examination period: 8 weeks, ~~comprising 2 weeks for revision and 6 weeks for examinations and results processing~~ *which may include a revision period followed by examinations and results processing.*

3. Background and Argument to support proposals

The examination scheduling changed in order to give greater flexibility, increasing the examination period from 4 weeks to 5 weeks. This has reduced the revision period from 2 weeks to 1 week. The reason behind this change is to accommodate the increasingly large number of examinations and complex room scheduling. Due to the changing requirements for examination scheduling it is proposed that the Regulations do not specify the exact timescale for revision and the number of weeks in the examination period. Instead the proposal is for a generic timescale of 8 weeks, to include revision, examinations and results processing.

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