

# **PROGRAMMES AND AWARDS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (PAEC)**

**Wednesday 15 July 2015 at 9.30am**  
**Boardroom, QQI Offices, 26-27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2**

Note of the twelfth meeting of the QQI Programmes and Awards Executive Committee held in QQI offices, 26/27 Denzille Lane, Dublin 2 on **Wednesday 15 July 2015 at 9.30am**

## **PRESENT:**

Dr Pdraig Walsh (Chairperson)  
Dr Rhona Dempsey  
Ms Angela Lambkin  
Ms Orla Lynch  
Dr Bryan Maguire  
Ms Karena Maguire

## **In attendance:**

Ms Therese Masterson (Key Executive)  
Ms Róisín Sweeney  
Ms Janet Cawley  
Ms Niamh Lenehan  
Ms Gráinne Power  
Dr Peter Cullen  
Ms Barbara Kelly

## **APOLOGIES:**

Ms Trish O'Brien  
Ms Mary Sheridan

## **1. MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 10 JUNE 2015**

The minutes of the PAEC Meeting held on 10 June 2015 circulated were CONFIRMED and SIGNED.

## **2. MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES**

### **2.1 Update on Programme Validations**

The Committee NOTED the documentation tabled at the meeting referring to item 4 which was circulated at the previous meeting. This document contains an update on programmes whose validation has been finalised since the last meeting i.e. Protection for Enrolled Learners (PEL) has been accepted.

### **2.2 Boom Sprayer Pesticide Application Programmes**

At the last meeting, the Committee deferred the decision to validate applications from four providers offering Boom Sprayer Pesticide Application programmes until a verification visit to the provider has been undertaken by QQI. It was noted that verification visits had since taken place to three of the providers. The Committee APPROVED the following programmes:

- Chevron - **PG21615**
- Kearney Training and Consultancy (KTC) Ltd - **PG21649**
- Qualtec - **PG21555**

It was NOTED that in future a verification visit will take place in respect of new Boom Sprayer Pesticide validation applications before the applications are presented to the PAEC.

### **2.3 Revalidation – Dublin Business School (DBS)**

It was NOTED that the Executive is satisfied with the clarification received from DBS regarding recent changes to the organisation structure and staffing in DBS.

### **3. NOTE OF THE MEETING, REPORT FOR THE BOARD**

#### **3.1 Note of Meeting of 10 June 2015**

The committee APPROVED the Note of the PAEC Meeting of 10 June circulated, for publication on the QQI website.

#### **3.2 Report for the Board on the meeting of 10 June 2015**

The Committee NOTED the Report for the Board on the PAEC Meeting of 10 June 2015.

### **4. PROGRAMME VALIDATION APPLICATIONS**

#### **4.1. Further Education and Training (FET) Programmes**

##### **4.1.1 FET Programme Validation applications**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed verbal report presented.

The Committee APPROVED the recommendations in respect of the validation of the programmes listed in the documentation subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners (PEL) and fees being paid to QQI.

##### **4.1.2 FET Summary Reports**

The committee NOTED the documentation circulated and the detailed verbal report presented. The committee agreed to consider an alternative reporting arrangement under this heading at the next meeting.

##### **4.1.3 FET Programme Validation Applications Refusals**

There were no applications tabled.

#### **4.2 Higher Education and Training Programmes – Programme Validation**

##### **4.2.1 College of Computer Training**

The committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

- 4.2.1 Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits (Ab-initio)
- Higher Certificate in Science in Information Technology, Major Award, 120 Credits

##### **4.2.2 Dublin Business School**

The committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programmes for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

- 4.2.3.2 Higher Diploma in Science in Computing, Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits
- Certificate in Information Technology, Level 8, Minor Award, 15 Credits

- 4.2.3.3 Higher Diploma in Science in Data Analytics, Level 8, Major Award, 60 Credits

Certificate in the Fundamentals of Data Analytics, Level 8, Minor Award, 15 Credits

4.2.3.4 Higher Certificate in Arts, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits  
Certificate in Arts, Level 6, Minor Award, 60 Credits

#### **4.2.3 HSE Blanchardstown**

The committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

4.2.4.1 Certificate in Basic Cognitive Behavioural Skills for Nurses, Level 8, Special Purpose Award, 10 Credits

#### **4.2.4 HET Programme Validation Applications Refusals**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee REFUSED the validation of six programmes from three providers. The Committee NOTED that these decisions will be referred to the Programmes and Awards Oversight Committee for confirmation or rejection.

### **4.3 Devolution of Responsibility for Validation sub-processes**

#### **4.3.1 Griffith College Dublin**

The committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

4.3.1.1 Diploma in Digital Communication for Enterprise, Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 60 Credits

The committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee deferred the decision on validation at the June meeting pending confirmation from the provider on the level of the programme and locations of delivery. The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme for two years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

4.3.1.2 Certificate in Dual Career Development (Sport), Level 7, Special Purpose Award, 20 Credits

#### **4.3.2 National College of Ireland**

The committee NOTED the documentation circulated The Committee APPROVED the validation of the following programme for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

4.3.2.1 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting and Finance, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

### **4.4 Validation of Research Degree Programmes**

No Business

### **4.5 Springboard Approvals**

The Committee NOTED the Explanatory Memorandum circulated. The Committee APPROVED the programmes submitted for validation under Springboard 2015.

#### **4.6 Initial Validation**

No Business

### **5. REVALIDATION**

#### **5.1 College of Computer Training**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

- 5.1.1 Bachelor of Science in Information Technology, Level 7, Major Award, 60 Credits  
Higher Certificate in Science in Computing in Information Technology, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits

#### **5.2 Griffith College Dublin**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

- 5.2.1 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Accounting and Finance, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business Studies, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business Studies (Marketing), Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits  
  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business Studies (HRM), Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits  
Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in International Hospitality Management, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits  
Diploma in International Hospitality Management, Level 7, Minor Award, 120 Credits  
Bachelor of Arts in Business Studies, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits  
Bachelor of Arts in Marketing, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits  
Higher Certificate in Business, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits

#### **5.3 HSE Blanchardstown**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

- 5.3.1 Certificate in Diabetes Nursing, Level 8, Special Purpose Award, 10 Credits  
Certificate in Respiratory Nursing, Level 8, Special Purpose Award, 10 Credits  
Certificate in Cardiovascular Nursing, Level 8, Special Purpose Award, 10 Credits  
Certificate in Certificate in Nurse Authority to Prescribe Ionising Radiation (X-Ray), Level 8, Special Purpose Award, 20 Credits

#### **5.4 Independent Colleges Dublin**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of

Enrolled Learners and QQI confirming that the provider has appropriate premises and resources in place before the programmes commence.

5.4.1 Master of Arts in Dispute Resolution, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

5.4.2 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Business Studies, Level 8, Major Award, 180 Credits

## **5.5 National College of Ireland**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

5.5.1 Diploma in Pensions Management and Practice, Level 8, Special Purpose, 60 Credits  
Certificate in Pensions, Investment and Insurance, Level 8, Special Purpose, 30 Credits

5.5.2 Diploma in Personal Financial Planning, Level 8, Special Purpose, 60 Credits  
Certificate in Personal Financial Planning, Level 8, Special Purpose, 40 Credits  
Certificate in Personal Insolvency Practice, Level 8, Special Purpose, 10 Credits

5.5.3 Certificate in Business Analysis, Level 8, Special Purpose, 15 Credits

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated. The Committee NOTED that NCI withdrew the following programmes from their current programmatic review process as it is their intention to submit significantly revised programmes as new programme validations in Autumn 2015. The Committee APPROVED the extension of validation of the following programmes for one year from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

### **5.5.4 NCI - Extension of Validation**

5.5.4.1 Master of Science in Marketing, Level 9, Major Award, 90 Credits

Postgraduate Diploma in Marketing, Level 9, Major Award, 60 Credits

## **5.6 Newpark Music Centre**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and APPROVED the revalidation of the following programme for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

5.6.1 Bachelor of Arts (Honours) in Jazz Performance, Level 8, Major Award, 240 Credits

## **5.7 Setanta College**

The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and APPROVED the revalidation of the following programmes for five years from September 2015 subject to confirmation of arrangements for Protection of Enrolled Learners:

5.7.1 Bachelor of Science in Strength and Conditioning, Level 7, Major Award, 180 Credits  
Higher Certificate in Science in Strength and Conditioning, Level 6, Major Award, 120 Credits  
Certificate in Science in Strength and Conditioning, Level 6, Special Purpose, 60 Credits  
Certificate in Science in Functional Screening and Resistance Training, Level 6, Minor Award, 30 Credits

**6. QA FOR COLLABORATIVE AND TRANSNATIONAL PROVISION AND JOINT AWARDING**

No Business

**7. DELEGATED AUTHORITY**

No Business

**8. RECOGNITION**

No Business

**9. ROUTINE STANDARDS ACTIVITIES UPDATE**

No Business

**10. CHANGE OF PROVIDER STATUS OF LEGACY HET AND FET PROVIDERS**

10.1 The Committee NOTED the documentation circulated and APPROVED the changes made to the status of the providers listed therein.

**11. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Committee NOTED that following the reassignment of duties within QQI, Róisín Sweeney would no longer be working in the Programme Accreditation unit. The Committee expressed its thanks to Róisín and the Programme Accreditation team for all their work and their significant contribution to the Committee.