# University of Bath Faculty of Science



Meeting FACULTY LEARNING, TEACHING AND QUALITY COMMITTEE

Place Microsoft Teams

Date and Time Wednesday 19 October 2022 at 14:15

Present Professor M V Hejmadi Associate Dean (Education) (Chair)

Miss L BeavenCurriculum Development OfficerDr S CrennellNatural Sciences programmesMrs S PaineProgrammes Manager (Operations)

Dr P J Rogers Department of Life Sciences

Dr T Shardlow Department of Mathematical Sciences

Dr G Shermer Department of Chemistry
Dr C M Todd Department of Life Sciences
Professor S Ward Associate Dean (International)

In attendance Mrs M L Hallett Faculty Assistant Registrar (Secretary)

Apologies Dr F Bisset Head of Learning Partnerships

Dr F Nemetz Department of Computer Science

Dr P Snow Department of Physics

Action

The Chair welcomed the following new FLTQC members:

- Dr Susan Crennell as new Nat Sci Director of Teaching (DoT).
- Dr Paul Snow as new Physics DoT.

## 3140 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The Committee approved minutes of the meetings of the Faculty Learning, Teaching and Quality Committee held on 7 (Paper 1A) and 8 (Paper 1B) June 2022, and there were no matters arising.

#### 3141 CHAIR'S BUSINESS

The Chair brought the following matters to the attention of the Committee:

- The following units have been withdrawn as obsolete units: BB10003, BB10004, BB10005, BB10006, BB10012, BB10089, BB10121, BB10200, BB10201, BB10205, BB10235, BB20144, BB40188, BB40189, BB40190, BB40191, BB40192, BB40196, BB50204, BB50210, BB50217, BB50237 and BB50238.
- Late exam submission decisions 2022/23 and penalties to be applied (see paragraph 15 of Paper 2).
- CT documentation requirements for PGT programmes launching in 2024/25 (i.e. MSc Drug Discovery):
  - Form A (notification of revisions to Phase 1 plans) and Form B (notification of intention to request exemption from academic framework parameters) to be completed by 30 November 2022.
  - Simultaneous approval of Phase 2 and 3 at 15 March and 26 April 2023 FLTQC meetings.
- Launch of Curriculum Planner.

## Chair's action approval of:

- Special Programmes of Study / Assessment Arrangements (see Reserved business).
- Approval of new exchange proposal between the Department of Chemistry and the University of Groningen, Netherlands, for 3 years from 1 August 2022 (approved 27 June 2022) (Paper 3).
- Approval of Royal Society of Biology Annual Report 2022 (approved 8 July 2022) (Paper 4).
- Approval of major programme change to Integrated PhD Molecular Biosciences (Biotechnology) from 2023/24 (approved 19 July 2022) (Paper 5A-C).
- Approval of suspension of CH30068 and CH40068 for 2022/23 (approved 8 September 2022) (Paper 6).
- Approval of MSc Data Science and Statistics (Health) Programme Specification, and Programming for Data Science and Applied Machine Learning Unit Descriptions (approved 21 September 2022) (Paper 7A-C).
- Approval of finalised <u>Natural Sciences Phase 3 documentation</u> (approved 23 September 2022). The Committee noted that Annexes 5 and 7 were still to be finalised and would be considered for approval under Chair's action.

## 3142 GENERAL PHARMACEUTICAL COUNCIL (GPhC) REACCREDITATION SUBMISSION

The Committee approved and recommended to CPAC for institutional endorsement the submission (Paper 8A), including appendices (Folder 8B), to the GPhC for reaccreditation of the MPharm (Hons) Pharmacy 4-year degree from 2023/24 [Curriculum Transformation (CT) version].

Dr Rogers reminded the Committee that CT Phases 2 and 3 were combined for the MPharm because national funding decisions were not confirmed until the end of the 2021/22 financial year. The new CT course increases clinical practice time from approx. 6 weeks in total to just over 14 weeks. The cost of the student aspect of the placement will be funded by Health Education England (HEE). The University has been requested by HEE to deliver a 2<sup>nd</sup> variant of the MPharm in partnership with the University of Plymouth. The Department chose to seek reaccreditation of the MPharm early in the cycle, to enable recruitment for Plymouth from 2024/25. The GPhC are migrating all MPharm courses across the country to a new set of regulated standards such that all graduates from Summer 2025 onwards enter Foundation Year and complete training to become independent prescribers in 2025/26. This means that Year 1 of the new CT course will start in 2023/24, concurrently with the new Year 2 (onto which current MPharm Year 1 students will transition) and the new Year 3 (onto which current MPharm Year 2 students will transition). The Committee noted that due to the compressed timeframe in which to complete the reaccreditation documentation, work was still being completed on Standards 4, 5 and 6 in particular and the assessment strategy. The Committee noted that CT documentation would form the basis of an alternative to Annual Monitoring Reports / Degree Scheme Reviews. The Committee also noted that some members had provided feedback on the documentation outside of the meeting.

## 3143 POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME ANNUAL MONITORING REPORTS 2021/22

The Committee noted the Annual Monitoring Reports 2021/22 for the following Learning Partnerships Office / Department of Computer Science programmes: MSc Computer Science online degree (Paper 9).

MSc Artificial Intelligence online degree (Paper 10).

## FEEDBACK FROM COMMITTEES

#### **Education Board**

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The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings held on 4 July (Paper 11A) and 12 September (Paper 11B) 2022.

# **Curriculum Transformation Committee (CTC)**

The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings held on:

- a) 16 May 2022 (Paper 12A), in particular approval of MSc Biotechnology (Healthcare Technologies) and (Sustainable Biotechnologies) from 2023/24 and with Entrepreneurship from 2024/25.
- b) 27 June 2022 (Paper 12B), in particular approval of:
- MSc Biotechnology (Sustainable Biotechnologies) request for shared UG and PGT teaching on the Food Security and the Environment unit.
- Exemption from the Academic Framework for Physics and MPharm CT courses to have zero credit weighted units for formative and progression assessments respectively.

## **Courses and Partnerships Approval Committee (CPAC)**

The Committee noted the minutes of the meeting held on 11 May 2022 (Paper 13A), in particular approval of renewal of the Institutional Agreement and Programme Agreement (Licensed) for the International Foundation Year with Bath College for 3 years from 1 September 2023.

## **Education, Quality and Standards Committee (EQSC)**

The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings held on:

- a) 12 August 2022 (Paper 14A), in particular approval of exemption from NFAAR-UG for Physics and MPharm CT courses to have zero credit weighted units for formative and progression assessments respectively.
- b) 27 September 2022 (Paper 14B), in particular approval of request to remove MBiochem NFAAR exemption with immediate effect (i.e. 60% rather than 50% Year 1 OSA for progression).

# 3145 DEPARTMENT LEARNING, TEACHING AND QUALITY COMMITTEE (DLTQC) MINUTES

The Committee noted the minutes of the meetings held on:

**Department of Biology and Biochemistry:** 10 March (Paper 15A) and 7 April (Paper 15B) 2022.

**Department of Chemistry:** 19 May (Paper 16A) and 28 September (Paper 16B) 2022. **Department of Computer Science:** 17 March (Paper 17A), 28 April (Paper 17B) and 10 October (Paper 17C) 2022.

**Learning Partnerships Office:** 10 May 2022 (Programme and Partner Management Committee minutes, Bath College) (Paper 18).

Department of Pharmacy and Pharmacology 13 July 2022 (Paper 20).

#### 3146 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.