

## Education and Training Committee Panel

**Programmes in respect of which approval/ongoing approval is recommended subject to conditions, where the education provider has made observations on the visitors' report**

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| <b>Programme name</b>     | BSc (Hons) Applied Biomedical Science |
| <b>Education provider</b> | Staffordshire University              |
| <b>Mode of delivery</b>   | Full time                             |
| <b>Date of decision</b>   | Thursday 10 May 2012                  |

**Panel:** John Donaghy (Chair)      Jeff Lucas  
Penny Renwick                      Joy Tweed

### Guidance for Panel Chairs

In determining whether to approve a programme, the Panel must reach its decision on the basis of the evidence put before it, in the form of the HPC Visitors' report and any observations on the report made by the education provider.

The Visitors' report is only a recommendation and the Panel may depart from that recommendation where it is satisfied that it is appropriate to do so.

The Panel must reach its own decision and give reasons for that decision. If the Panel wishes to amend the report, it should give reasons for each amendment.

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| <b>Decision:</b>   |
| <p>1. That the Visitors' report should be amended:</p> <p>(i) to provide further clarity of the requirements in SET 2.2; that English language requirements are applicable to all applicants; and</p> <p>(ii) to update the second sentence in the second paragraph of reasoning regarding the condition set in relation to SET 4.1 to reflect that student do not choose the discipline in which to work, but that through the network, students are offered disciplines that are available within their placements.</p> <p>2. That the Executive should:</p> <p>(iii) provide clarification to the education provider about the nature of the SETs in relation to SETs 3.16 and 5.11.</p> <p>(iv) provide the education provider with clarification about the nature and role of</p> |

conditions and recommendations.

3. That subject to the above amendments, the visitors' report (including the conditions and recommendations in the report) should be accepted.

## **Reasons**

In reaching its decision regarding this programme, in addition to the visitors report, the panel reviewed observations from the Education Provider, and responses to those observations from the visitors.

1. The Panel provided the following reasoning for amending the report:
  - (i) in relation to the amendment to the reason under SET 2.2, the Panel was satisfied that the condition should remain. The programme specification referred to in the education providers observation stated that an 'English Language qualification such as IELTS (6.0 or better) may be required for EU or overseas applicants'. An amendment to the reasoning was necessary to reflect that this entry requirement was applicable to all applicants.
  - (ii) in relation to the amendment to the reasoning under SET 4.1 the Panel was satisfied that this was necessary to reflect the nature of the programme;
2. The Panel provided the following reasoning for asking the Executive to provide clarification to the education provider:
  - (iii) the Panel was satisfied that the condition and reasoning under 5.11 should remain. The Executive should be asked to provide clarity to the education provider about the nature of the SETs.
  - (iv) the Panel is satisfied that the recommendation and reason under SET 4.5 should remain. The Executive should be asked to provide clarity surrounding the requirements of recommendations.
3. The Panel is satisfied that, following the amendments, the conditions in the Visitors' report must be met before the programme can be approved or before the ongoing approval of the programme can be confirmed.

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