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1. INTO UEA London Diplomacy Masters Courses

1.1 Proposed Courses

Four Masters courses in the area of International Diplomacy to run at INTO UEA London were considered at a validation event in August 2010. The Panel was happy with all of the courses (subject to conditions which have since been met) but cautious about the course team taking on too much at the beginning of a new, unproved venture. Accordingly, the team were invited to choose two of the courses to run from October 2010 and to ask for approval to run the remaining two courses in due course.

The two initial courses (MA in International Diplomacy and MA in International Business and Diplomacy) have since launched successfully and recruited 38 students over two cohorts. Positive comments were received from the External Examiner at the first exam board and from student representatives at the first Joint Board of Study, both attended by representatives of the Partnerships Office in February 2011.

Because of the contracted timescale in which the proposal was handled, the timing of the validation event was such that validation was subject to approval in principle by LTC and therefore the two initial courses were approved by LTC on 27 October 2010. All four courses share the same core modules and the remaining two are therefore variants of the initial ones. Final approval would be by the Joint Board of Study rather than another full validation event.

Recommendation

That

the following courses be approved in principle and allowed to proceed to consideration by the Joint Board of Study:

MA in International Communication and Diplomacy (attached as Appendix 1)
MA in International Security and Diplomacy (attached as Appendix 2)

1.2 Organisational Names

a) Current courses

Although staff are employed by the INTO UEA London LLP joint venture rather than UEA, the courses do not neatly fall under the umbrella of the established INTO academic and English language based courses. The courses need their own distinctive brand to position them in the London centre and to facilitate marketing and identity.

An informal working title of '**London Academy of Diplomacy**' has been adopted initially to launch the courses and this has become familiar to staff and students.

LTC is asked to formally note the establishment of the name in relation to the delivery of these courses.

(Discussions are taking place about the potential for the delivery of this suite of courses at other locations outside the UK. Should these developments come to fruition the intention would be to adopt the same style at each of the locations e.g. the *Paris Academy of Diplomacy*, etc.)

b) Future plans

In addition to the diplomatic arena, developments in the area of applied languages are planned. In collaboration with UEA's School of Language and Communication Studies, courses and professional training programmes in communication, diplomatic discourse, international liaison, interpreting and translation are being considered. Discussions are at an early stage so it is not possible to provide firm details about the exact nature of the provision at this stage.

With these plans in mind, consideration is being given to an overarching title that would encompass both the diplomatic courses and any potential related applied language provision. Details will be brought to LTC once plans are at a more advanced stage.

2. Easton College Proposed Courses

Recommendation

That

The following courses be approved in principle and allowed to proceed to validation:

BSc (Hons) Equitation and Coaching (attached as Appendix 3)

BSc (Hons) Agriculture (attached as Appendix 4)

3. INTO UEA (Norwich and London) Attendance, Engagement and Progress Policy

Recommendation

That

INTO UEA's (Norwich and London) Attendance, Engagement and Progress Policy attached as Appendix 5 be approved for immediate implementation.

4. City College Norwich Proposed Course - BA (Hons) Creative Practices and Enterprise (One Year Top-Up)

Recommendation

That

the following course be approved in principle and allowed to proceed to validation:

BA (Hons) Creative Practices and Enterprise (One Year Top-Up) (attached as Appendix 6)

5. City College Norwich Proposed Course – BA (Hons) Leadership and Management (One Year Top-Up)

The BA (Hons) Leadership and Management (One Year Top-Up) was validated on 15 February 2011 subject to a number of conditions, including:

- approval in principle by LTC; and
- clarification of the positioning of the course in relation to the UEA BA (Hons) Professional Studies (attached as Appendix 7).

Recommendation

That

the following course be approved in principle:

BA (Hons) Leadership and Management (One Year Top-Up) (attached as Appendix 8)