

Senate



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Date: November 2016

Paper Title: Amendment to Ordinance IV (Titles of Degrees and Conditions of Award) - Introduction of Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) award

Origin: Secretary to CSC

1. Specific Decision Required by Committee	To note the action of the Vice-Chancellor on behalf of Senate in recommending to Council for approval an amendment to Ordinance IV to provide for the introduction of a Bachelor of Architecture (BArch) award.
2. Relevance to University Strategy	
3. Executive Summary	<p>1. Introduction of the Degree of Bachelor of Architecture (BArch)</p> <p>The School of Civil and Building Engineering has proposed the introduction of the Degree of Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.) for its new undergraduate Architecture programme which will be launched in October 2017. The programme was given operational approval with a B.Sc. award in May 2016. The School wishes to change the programme award to the B.Arch. as it believes that a B.Arch. will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help the School to position the new programme offering • Avoid the dichotomy of offering a BSc or BA when it is a blend (the School has already experienced questions about this in the June open days) • Build the School's brand and reputation • Differentiate the programme from its competitors • Help signify it as a 'Loughborough' degree • Link with the intended follow-on M.Arch programme (not yet approved) • Be popular with architectural practices as employers (the idea has come out of a series of five recent workshops involving 50 architectural practices) • Be liked by the Royal Institute of British Architects (RIBA) as the accrediting body and flag that the offering is different and in tune with the RIBA's educational aspirations in their ongoing Education Review and the associated Farrell Report. <p>It also believes that it is a much more attractive solution than a joint honours degree.</p> <p>2. Associated amendment to Ordinance IV Titles of Degrees and Conditions of Award</p> <p>The introduction of the B.Arch. award will necessitate an addition to Ordinance IV Titles of Degrees and Conditions of Award, para 2, as below:</p> <p>1. Foundation degrees shall be designated as follows:</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foundation Degree in Arts (FdA) • Foundation Degree in Science (FdSc) • Foundation Degree in Engineering (FdEng) <p>2. First degrees shall be designated as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bachelor of Technology (B.Tech.) • Bachelor of Science (B.Sc.) • Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) • Bachelor of Education (B.Ed.) • Bachelor of Library Studies (B.L.S.) • Bachelor of Science, Bachelor of Engineering (B.Sc., B.Eng.) • Bachelor of Technology, Bachelor of Engineering (B.Tech., B.Eng.) • Bachelor of Engineering (B.Eng.) • <u>Bachelor of Architecture (B.Arch.)</u> • Master of Engineering (M.Eng.) • Master of Mathematics (M.Math.) • Master of Physics (M.Phys.) • Master of Chemistry (M.Chem.) • Master of Computer Science (M.Comp.) • Master in Science (M.Sci) <p>3 ...</p>
4. Essential Background Information	
5. Risks, Risk Mitigation and Governance/ Accountability	
6. Implications for other activities	
7. Resource and Cost	
8. Alternative Options considered	
9. Other Groups/Individuals consulted.	
10. Future Actions, Timescales and Frequency of Review by this Committee.	
11. Success Criteria (KPIs)	
12. University Executive comment (required for Council papers only)	