



Institiúid Teicneolaíochta Trá Lí

Institute of Technology Tralee

**Validated Programme(s)
Major Modification
External Assessors
ASSESSORS' REPORT**

Validated Award(s) Being Amended or Restructured	BSc (Honours) in Veterinary Bioscience				
Proposed Award Title(s)	Higher Certificate in Science in Animal Science (embedded standard) BSc in Animal Bioscience (ab-initio and embedded standard) BSc in Animal Bioscience (one-year add-on) BSc (Honours) in Veterinary Bioscience (one-year add-on)				
Relevant School	Business, Computing & Humanities		Science, Technology, Engineering & Mathematics	X	Health & Social Sciences
Date of Review	January 2017				
External Assessors	Dr Brendan O Connell, Cork Institute of Technology (Chair) Dr David Ryan, Institute of Technology, Carlow				

Programme Development Team:	Head of School: Dr Joseph Walsh Head of Department: Dr Noel Mulligan Programme Leaders: Dr Gearoid Sayers Dr Eilish Broderick
External Assessors' Evaluation	<p><u>Proposal Documentation should address the following:</u></p> <p><u>(Please comment under each heading as appropriate)</u></p> <p>Rationale for proposed Modifications:</p> <p>Impact of proposed Modifications on:</p> <p>Award/Programme Type, Title and Level:</p> <p>Programme Coherence with Aims and Objectives:</p> <p>Employment Opportunities:</p> <p>Entry Requirements/Access:</p> <p>Progression/Transfer Opportunities:</p> <p>Programme Structure and Content:</p> <p>Programme Course Schedule:</p> <p>Programme Outcome Mapping to Modules Learning Outcomes:</p> <p>Coherence of Programme Themes:</p> <p>Learning Experience:</p> <p>Learner Workload Including Assessment:</p> <p>Staff Expertise:</p> <p>Embedded Standards/Awards:</p> <p>Review of New Modules</p>

Section 1	FINDINGS OF External Assessors
	<p>In all cases the rationale for the proposed partitioning to create both stand alone and embedded awards are clearly outlined and detailed in the document. Proposed award levels and titles are appropriate and aims and objectives are clearly stated for each award. Transfer and progression opportunities for learners will be enhanced by the ladder structure being proposed and entry requirements are outlined in the document. Programme structures and content are appropriate and no new modules are being proposed beyond those reviewed in December 2016 as part of the honours degree validation panel. As such the learner experience, physical environment, learner workload including assessment strategy and the availability of staff expertise are all as per the honours degree panel report.</p>

Section 2	CONDITIONS & RECOMMENDATIONS
Section 2.1:	<p>For the attention of the Academic Council</p> <p>The Assessors recommend that proposed Amendment/Restructuring of programme: -</p> <p>Be approved without modification <input checked="checked" type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Be approved subject to the conditions outlined below <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not approved and requires resubmission with significant modifications outlined below <input type="checkbox"/></p> <p>Not approved for the reasons outlined below <input type="checkbox"/></p>
Section 2.2	<u>Conditions</u>

Section 2.3	<u>Recommendations</u>								
Section 2.4	Reasons for Rejection (if appropriate)								
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