

Collaborative Report

Master of Veterinary Medicine, 2013/14

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The Programme

Please comment, as appropriate, on the following aspects of the programme:

1.1 Course content

Response from college requested: **NO**

1.2 Learning objectives, and the extent to which they were met

Response from college requested: **NO**

1.3 Teaching methods

Response from college requested: **NO**

1.4 Resources (in so far as they affected the assessment)

Response from college requested: **NO**

1.5 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the Programme

Difficult for us to comment on the specifics above but the MVM programme is excellent, There has been an increase in the number of modules available as electives which is to be congratulated.

Response from college requested: **NO**

Student performance

Please comment, as appropriate, on:

2.1 Students' performance in relation to those at a similar stage on comparable courses in other institutions, where this is known to you

The level of performance of residents at the RVC continues to compare extremely well with programmes in other institutions. In a cohort of 17 there were 8 distinctions and 6 merits and 3 passes with no fails. The students and their supervisors should be congratulated. Overall standard of research projects was very good.

Response from college requested: **NO**

2.2 Quality of candidates' knowledge and skills, with particular reference to those at the top, middle or bottom of the range

The overall high marks attained in the modules indicates a high standard of student attainment and quality of teaching and supervision

Response from college requested: **NO**

2.3 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the students' performance

Response from college requested: **NO**

Assessment Process

Please comment, as appropriate, on:

3.1 Assessment methods (relevance to learning objectives and curriculum)

Assessment process is appropriate

Response from college requested: **NO**

3.2 Extent to which assessment processes are rigorous

Rigorous and robust

Response from college requested: **NO**

3.3 Consistency of the level of assessment with the Framework for Higher Education Qualifications (FHEQ)

The level of assessment is appropriate for a Masters level qualification

Response from college requested: **NO**

3.4 Standard of marking

Consistently appropriate but see below for more comment on marking discrepancies

Response from college requested: **NO**

3.5 Opinion on changes to the assessment process from previous years in which you have examined

The addition of the supervisor score sheet is helpful although we recognise that the associated mark does not come in to force until 2015

Response from college requested: **NO**

3.6 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the assessment process

We recommend that when marking the project that if the two markers span the pass/fail boundary that how the consensus marked is awarded is documented for clarification

Response from college requested: YES

COURSE DIRECTOR: Prof Chris Lamb

Course Director Response:

Agreed. The College already has clear processes in place to agree a final mark in such circumstances and a mechanism for recording it.

Action Required:

To adopt the form currently in use for marking BSc Biological Science projects.

Action Deadline:

01-Feb-2015

Action assigned to:

CRL/Exam Office

Assessment Procedures

Please comment, as appropriate, on:

4.1 In your view, are the processes for assessment and the determination of awards sound and fairly conducted?

We suggest that the student declaration form is completed in full by all candidates to include percentages of work allocated by all individuals involved with the project. It would also be helpful to include a summary of output of the project ie submission for publication, conference presentations etc

Response from college requested: YES

COURSE DIRECTOR: Prof Chris Lamb

Course Director Response:

Student declaration form already includes percentages of work allocated by all individuals involved with the project. A summary of output of the project can be added.

Action Required:

Already done.

Action Deadline:

Action assigned to:

CRL

4.2 Opinion on changes to the procedures from previous years in which you have examined

Supervisor score sheet and student declaration are welcome additions

Response from college requested: NO

4.3 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the procedures

We recommend that all projects include an abstract

Response from college requested: NO This will discussed by the CMC.

5.1 Comments I have made in previous years have been addressed to my satisfaction

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.2 An acceptable response has been made

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.3 I approved the papers for the Examination

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.4 I was able to scrutinise an adequate sample of students' work and marks to enable me to carry out my duties

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.5 I attended the meeting of the Board of Examiners held to approve the results of the Examination

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.6 Candidates were considered impartially and fairly

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.7 The standards set for the awards are appropriate for qualifications at this level, in this subject

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.8 The standards of student performance are comparable with similar programmes or subjects in other UK institutions with which I am familiar

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.9 I have received enough support to carry out my role

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.10 I have received sufficient information to carry out my role (where information was insufficient, please give details)

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.11 Appropriate procedures and processes have been followed

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

5.12 The processes for assessment and the determination of awards are sound

Yes

Additional comments, particularly if your answer was no:

Response from college requested: NO

Completion

If you have identified any areas of good practice, please comment more fully here. We may use information provided in our annual external examining report:

Do you have any suggestions for improvements based on experience at other institutes? We may use information provided in our annual external examining report:

See above comments

Response from college requested: **NO**

External Examiner comments: For College information only (Responses to External Examiners are published on the College's website. Please only use this box to add any comments that you wish to remain confidential, if any)

Response from college requested: **NO**

