These changes take effect from 15/05/2020 to 01 Oct 2020 and apply to Semester 2 2019-2020 Delivery and Assessment

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| # | Current | Proposed Change | Decision |
| 1 | |  | | --- | | Table A2 Deferral of Result(s)  A Board of Examiners may, in the case of illness or bereavement, recommend that a final decision on a candidate’s result be deferred to enable the candidate to complete specific outstanding requirements of the course or examination. | | Include circumstances due to COVID-19 in the list of allowable reasons for deferral.  Also as per EXAM019 normal fee to defer an exam and re register for repeat sitting have been waived for the period of this crises. | Agreed.  08/05/2020 |
| **2** | **B7.3.1** Candidates may be eligible to progress to a subsequent stage of a programme while carrying failed modules from a stage, subject to having met the pre-requisite requirements of the modules on the subsequent stage. A maximum value of 10 credits may be carried from a previous stage; the decision to permit progression to a subsequent stage carrying failed modules is at the **discretion of the Progression and Award Board.** In order to be eligible for consideration to carry failed modules, a candidate must first register for the repeat module and sit the repeat examination and/or submit the repeat CA at the next available sitting | **Exceptional progression** in the context of COVID-19 candidates will be permitted to progress to a subsequent stage of a programme while carrying un assessed module(s) from a stage where the public health restrictions precluded the completion of teaching and/or placement and consequently assessment.  The exact number of credits that may be carried will be programme specific and noted at the Progression and Award Boards. Candidates will not be allowed to progress to any subsequent stage carrying any incomplete or failed modules related to the academic year 2019-2020. | Agreed with modification re programme specific determination of ECTS load to be carried  08/05/2020 |
|  |  | Waive requirement for an attempt at the repeat sitting before candidate is eligible to be considered by exam board to progress carrying a maximum of 10 ECTS.  Waiver to apply for Autumn exam board 2020 only.  (Students not able to sit exam/assessment due to COVID19 restrictions) | Agreed 4.9.2020 |
| **3** | **B7.2.2 Borderline cases**  A Borderline case refers to a candidate presenting for progression or award, who is close to the threshold between successive award grade bands. As a guide, a borderline case would typically be any candidate whose:  i. average mark across all modules is within 1% of any of a threshold, as specified in Table B1.  ii. marks in more than two-thirds of all the modules are in the higher grade band. | Consideration of borderline candidates changed to .  i. average mark across all modules is within 2 % of any of a threshold, as specified in Table B1.  ii. marks in more than two-thirds of all the modules are in the higher grade band. | Agreed but increase from 1.5% proposed to 2%. 8/5/20  (Exam boards may place extra emphasis on, the first Semester, particularly if the student’s performance has deteriorated in semester 2 |
| **4** | **B11.1** All repeats should be capped at the pass mark for the module. The actual result for the module that is repeated must be recorded by the lecturer and entered on the broadsheet. The capping at the pass mark will be done in the examination board, with the reason for the cap recorded on the broadsheet by the Chair. | Programme boards will have the discretion to set aside the capping of repeat assessments/ examinations from semester 2 academic year 2019-2020  Extend arrangement above to the repeat examinations from semester 1 2019-2020  Extend arrangement above to the repeat examinations from previous academic years. | Agreed but at programme board discretion.  08/05/20 |
| 5 | General Exam regulations | No fee to repeat a semester 2 2019 2020 examination where the grade obtained in the May 2020 siting was <pass. | Agreed  08/05/20 |
| 6 | General Exam Regulation  Repeat Assessments carried out modules where first sitting was taken in May 2020. | Repeat assessments for Sem 2 2019-2020 will be in the same/similar format as the initial alternative assessment. Rationale here –(i) students have familiarity with the mode of assessment (ii) reduce number on campus for repeat exams to meet social distancing restrictions.  No onsite examinations in August except Professional Body examinations if warranted and if invigilating and social distancing requirements can be met.  All semester 1 repeat examinations need to be revised to an alternative assessment mode.  It is strongly recommended that repeat alternative assessments take the form of course work or assignment that do not require moderation by an academic. | Agreed 15.5.2020 |
| 7 | **External Examiner review: Various Sections e.g. A3.1, A5.2, A5.4. A6.1**  Under current M&S all work completed by students towards the attainment of learning outcomes of a module are available to the external examiner on a module or programme basis. Normally a sample of assessment from all modules at all stages of a programme of learning are available to the External Examiner | Given the challenges of communicating with External Examiners this year for first- and second- year modules the following will apply:   * Results of each module will be provided to each External Examiner for review and approval. * External Examiners may wish or need to discuss results further with individual lecturers and request access to review assessments/assignments. * This arrangement need not prevent normal interactions with External Examiners. | Agreed 15.5.2020 |