



EXTERNAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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	For completion by External Examiner:		
Name of External Examiner:	Dr Dominic Wring		
Home Institution / Employer of External Examiner:	Loughborough University		
Programme and / or Subjects Covered by this Report:	JOMEC: BA in Journalism, Media and Cultural Studies		
Academic Year / Period Covered by this Report:	2013-14	Date of Report:	30 th June 2014

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1. Programme Structure

I have been consistently impressed with everything I have reviewed and read during my four years as external examiner on the degree programme. Whenever (minor) issues arose they were always dealt with courtesy and interest by staff regularly available to directly discuss and consult with external examiners throughout our visit period. The aims, outcomes and specs of the rich variety of modules were consistently of a high quality

2. Academic Standards

The degree is compatible with the best for this kind of programme. The students' performances have been outstanding as befits a leading School such as this one.

3. The Assessment Process

Over the years I have had countless opportunities to comment on this and have also from time to time disagreed with my fellow examiners. I am happy that our various opinions about these matters have been considered and, where necessary, acted upon by the programme team.

4. Year-on-Year Comments

Ditto comment above

5. Preparation / Induction Activity (for new External Examiners only)

6. Noteworthy Practice and Enhancement

The dissertations, in particular, are testimony to the dedicated supervision provided by staff and the considered preparation over the course of their degrees.

7. Appointment Overview (for retiring External Examiners only)

I have thoroughly enjoyed my period as an external for this programme that is a model of its kind for others. There is richness in depth and breath of the modules available for candidates to study and an ideal opportunity for people to satisfy their intellectual curiosity whatever their particular motive for embarking on the course. The mix of social scientific and humanities based options provide exciting choices and a means to explore issues and debates introduced in a formidable array of core material.

8. Annual Report Checklist

Please include appropriate comments within Sections 1-7 above for any answer of 'No'.

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
Programme/Course Information				
8.1	Did you receive sufficient information about the Programme and its contents, learning outcomes and assessments?	y		
8.2	Were you asked to comment on any changes to the assessment of the Programme?			n/a
Draft Examination Question Papers				
8.3	Were you asked to approve all examination papers contributing to the final award?			n/a
8.4	Were the nature, spread and level of the questions appropriate?			n/a
8.5	Were suitable arrangements made to consider your comments?			n/a
Marking Examination Scripts				
8.6	Did you receive a sufficient number of scripts to be able to assess whether the internal marking and classifications were appropriate and consistent?	y		
8.7	Was the general standard and consistency of marking appropriate?	y		
8.8	Were the scripts marked in such a way as to enable you to see the reasons for the award of given marks?	y		
8.9	Were you satisfied with the standard and consistency of marking applied by the internal examiners?	y		
8.10	In your judgement, did you have the opportunity to examine a sufficient cross-section of candidates' work contributing to the final assessment?	y		
Coursework and Practical Assessments				
8.11	Was the choice of subjects for coursework and / or practical assessments appropriate?	y		
8.12	Were you afforded access to an appropriate sample of coursework and / or practical assessments?	y		
8.13	Was the method and general standard of assessment appropriate?	y		
8.14	Is sufficient feedback provided to students on their assessed work?	y		
Clinical Examinations (if applicable)				
8.15	Were satisfactory arrangements made for the conduct of clinical assessments?			n/a
Sampling of Work				
8.16	Were you afforded sufficient time to consider samples of assessed work?	y		
Examining Board Meeting				

		Yes (Y)	No (N)	N/A (N/A)
8.17	Were you able to attend the Examining Board meeting?	y		
8.18	Was the Examining Board conducted properly, in accordance with established procedures and to your satisfaction?	y		
8.19	Cardiff University recognises the productive contribution of External Examiners to the assessment process and, in particular, to the work of the Examining Board. Have you had adequate opportunities to discuss the Programme and any outstanding concerns with the Examining Board or its officers?	y		
Joint Examining Board Meeting (if applicable)				
8.20	Did you attend a Composite Examining Board, i.e. one convened to consider the award of Joint Honours degrees?			n/a
8.21	If so, were you made aware of the procedures and conventions for the award of Joint Honours degrees?			n/a
8.22	Was the Composite Examining Board conducted according to its rules?			n/a

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