



EXTERNAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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	For completion by External Examiner:		
Name of External Examiner:	Dr Stephen Hole		
Home Institution / Employer of External Examiner:	UW Trinity Saint David (Swansea)		
Programme and / or Subjects Covered by this Report:	Life Long Learning Computing – Computer Studies		
Academic Year / Period Covered by this Report:	2014-2015	Date of Report:	September 2015

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1. Programme Structure

The structure of this programme is ideal for students seeking to gain access to an undergraduate degree programme in computing or computer science. It is also suitable for students looking to update their web, database or programming skills. At this point the structure is meeting its target student learning outcomes.

2. Academic Standards

The academic standards are good and they are comparable with other institutions with which I am familiar in my role of external examiner.

3. The Assessment Process

The assessments are appropriately designed and applied. Students are producing good quality work with many examples of excellence in the sampled scripts.

The student assessment loading between modules is balanced.

4. Year-on-Year Comments

Some years I commented on the high level of marking in a small number of modules. Where this is the case use methods to stretch the more able students to create a larger mark range.

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

Not applicable.

6. Noteworthy Practice and Enhancement

I was pleased to note the excellent work being carried out in the programming, web and computer forensics modules.

7. Appointment Overview (for retiring External Examiners only)

The structure of this programme is ideal for students seeking to gain access to an undergraduate degree programme in computing or computer science. It is also suitable for students looking to update their web, database or programming skills.

The scheme is well run and the modules represent the skill-sets required by employers. Students that transfer their credits to the undergraduate programmes will be well prepared to meet the challenges of university study. I would encourage module tutors to make use of a greater range of marks where the majority of students have high first class averages.

I would not recommend any changes to the scheme other than to add or remove module content as the world of computing moves forward with new programming tools, concepts and paradigms.

The programme offers a high quality experience to its students and it has been a pleasure to work with the teaching team over the last four years.

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	
Draft Examination Question Papers				
8.3	Were you asked to approve all examination papers contributing to the final award?		N	
8.4	Were the nature, spread and level of the questions appropriate?	Y		
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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