



EXTERNAL EXAMINER ANNUAL REPORT FORM

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	For completion by External Examiner:		
Name of External Examiner:	Professor Gino Raymond		
Home Institution / Employer of External Examiner:	University of Bristol		
Programme and / or Subjects Covered by this Report:	Modern Languages and Translation - French		
Academic Year / Period Covered by this Report:	2014/15	Date of Report:	07/07/15

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1. Programme Structure

The programme structure is broad but well-balanced, offering the students a range of choices that should meet the needs of diverse intellectual interests.

2. Academic Standards

Academic standards remain rigorous but fair.

3. The Assessment Process

The assessment process is characterised by consistency and good feedback, giving the students a good sense of how they can improve their academic performance.

4. Year-on-Year Comments

The commitment and cooperation of colleagues in Modern languages at Cardiff were, as usual, commendable

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

6. Noteworthy Practice and Enhancement

I was struck this year by some of the dissertation work done by the final-year students. This kind of research project is a challenge for students and can be heavy in terms of supervisory commitment for lecturers. But it is important for the discipline to give finalists who want it a taste of research.

On a more technical note, and due, as I understand it, to the structural administrative changes being implemented in the School, there was uncertainty in the exam board of 24th June about the accuracy of a few of the marks. Steps were undertaken at the meeting to verify them but it is to be hoped that this uncertainty will not recur next year, once the changes currently underway have bedded in.

7. Appointment Overview (for retiring External Examiners only)

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?	Y		
Draft Examination Question Papers				
8.3	Were you asked to approve all examination papers contributing to the final award?	Y		
8.4	Were the nature, spread and level of the questions appropriate?	Y		
8.5	Were suitable arrangements made to consider your comments?	Y		
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?			
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?	Y		
8.21	If so, were you made aware of the procedures and conventions for the award of Joint Honours degrees?	Y		
8.22	Was the Composite Examining Board conducted according to its rules?	Y		

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