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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"The allocation of learning time to learning activities for this programme, which is offered in the "contact" mode, is identical to the BSc Honours in Quantity Surveying "distance" mode. There is therefore no distinction between the programmes. The Programme Design table reflects that there are no changes to the modules. The module Integrated Project 1V has however been added according to the Institution's explanations under question 1. This module (Integrated Project 1V) should however be a minimum of 30 credits not 12 as per HEQSF requirements as it is the research component of the programme. This is confirmed in the information provided in the table "Exit Level Outcomes." Information Management and Communication 1V on the other hand has been allocated 32 credits perhaps in error and should be corrected. It is not clear why Construction Science 11 is included at Honours Level when Construction Science 11 and 111 is part of the BSc Degree in Quantity Surveying."




Response

The comments made above are indeed fair and accurate. At the end of 2014 a quality enhancement review was conducted on the programme offering of the Department of Quantity Surveying and Construction Management. The recommendations from the panel included that the qualification is in actual fact is not presented in a distance mode of delivery, since the students have access to the same material, resources and facilities than those enrolled for the contact version of the qualification. The only difference was that the student did not have to come to the Bloemfontein Campus to attend class because the lecturers went to a central location to teach them closer to their vicinity. Furthermore, it was recommended that the qualification offerings be revisited and that the contact/distance mode of delivery be re-considered and to develop the qualification in the contact mode of delivery only. In terms of content the panel also suggested re-thinking and redeveloping the course content in such a way that it differentiates Quantity Surveying and Constructions Management more explicitly. It has therefore been decided by the Department, Faculty and institution to rather phase out this qualification and redevelop the entire offering in the Department to better align and be defined as a contact programme.

Therefore, it is requested that the following amendment is made to reflect the institutional decision:

Re-categorise the qualification *Bachelor of Science Honours in Quantity Surveying (4539A) (H06/14578/HEQSF)* to C, to be phased out by the date to be determined by the Minister of Higher Education and Training.

Thank you and kind regards



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