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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"I concur with the evaluators comments. The institution should review the curriculum design and clarify what constitutes WIL and / or workplace based learning in the curriculum."

Response

After careful consideration the original application was revised in relation to the curriculum design. The institution picked up on a few typographical errors in relation to credits and credit allocation which requires rectification:

1. The total minimum credits awarded to this qualification is 384 (128 credits per year for three years)

In relation to learning activities, the understanding of what activities should be covered as part of direct contact time was revisited and the contact time was adjusted accordingly. The Bachelor of Science in Information Technology consists of formal lectures and a substantial practical component. Students are instructed through



practical sessions, formal lectures, including substantial time in the computer laboratories. To ensure students stay informed, extensive support is offered through the use of an electronic Learning Management System, Blackboard. Direct contact sessions between lectures and students comprised more than 50% of the notional hours, combining practical and lecturing sessions. The qualification allows for substantial laboratory (computer laboratory) work experience and practical sessions.

After reviewing the learning activities, the institution picked up on a mistake made in terms of the allocation of percentages for learning activities:

Type of learning activity	Hours	Percentage
Direct contact time (Lectures, face to face, limited interaction or technology assisted, tutorials, Syndicate groups)	1536	40%
WIL (Practical experiential learning, simulated learning, laboratory work , practical etc. excluding workplace-based learning)	960	25%
WIL (Workplace-based learning only)	0	0
Independent self-study of standard texts and references and specially prepared materials (study guides, books, journal articles, case studies, multi-media	960	25%
Assessment	384	10%
Other (specify)	0	0
Total	3840	100%

Thank you for your consideration and continued support in relation to the response in relation the comments made by the accreditation panel. We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards



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