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Dear Colleagues

RESPONSE TO THE DEFERRAL OF THE HEQSF-ALIGNMENT AND ACCREDITATION

HEQSF review comment

"One new subject is introduced in the aligned programme with the overall credit value marginally increased. While the subjects by-and-large remain the same the Institution should ensure that the content of the new programme is current in terms of the needs of the country. There is a small component of Work Integrated Learning. The Institution might want to consider this component to be more formalised, by having assessment tasks associated with it."

Response

The current needs of the country and more specifically the Public sector were reviewed in-depth, which indicated the necessity for the addition of the new module. The addition of this new module (Municipal Management) was also supported in feedback received from past and current students as well as government organisations. These stakeholders were of the opinion that it would be valuable if, at postgraduate level, there was provision for



Municipal Management. With this addition, the UFS is of the opinion that the programme is of high quality and directly aligned with the current needs of the Public sector and the programme would therefore adequately train graduates for this environment. The addition of this module also increased the total credits for the qualification from 112 credits to 128 credits.

The WIL-component of the programme, as indicated in the submission, is indeed formalised, structured, supervised and assessed. Academics are working closely with practitioners in the provincial government throughout a number of modules within the programme, to assess student presentations, act as guest speakers, and participate in seminar type sessions in order to bring work-related exposure to the classroom. In the Human Resource Management module as well as the module on Intergovernmental relations and Organisational analysis, senior provincial managers are regular participants in these modules by means of the activities as previously mentioned.

We trust that you will find this response adequate to validate its accreditation and HEQSF alignment.

Kind regards.



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