

Collaborative Report

Exam board meeting: 09-Sep-2015

MSc in Wild Animal Biology, 2014/15

Lead examiner: Professor Oswin Perera

Collaborating examiner(s): Ms Rana Parween

The Programme

Please comment, as appropriate, on the following aspects of the programme:

1.1 Course content

The course content is very good and covers all aspects of the two fields in very good depth and breadth.

**Response from college
requested:** **NO**

1.2 Learning objectives, and the extent to which they were met

Very good and clearly stated; well met through the teaching and learning activities.

**Response from college
requested:** **NO**

3.7 Please provide any additional comments and recommendations regarding the procedures

The opportunity provided this year to meet a sample of the students immediately after the student presentations was very valuable to the external examiners. It was a much better arrangement than that of the previous year, when only a brief meeting was possible at lunch time on the day of the oral examinations. The relevant comments and suggestions made by the students were discussed by the external examiners at the meeting of the Board of Examiners.

Response from college requested: YES

4.10 I have received sufficient information to carry out my role (where information was insufficient, please give details)

Completion

If you have identified any areas of good practice, please comment more fully here. We may use information provided in our annual external examining report:

**Do you have any suggestions for improvements based on experience at other institutes?
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The holding of a Student Conference for making presentations on the research projects on the day preceding the oral examinations is an excellent practice that enables the external examiners to fully assess student performance in the research project. The opportunity provided for the externals to meet with a sample of students immediately after the Student Conference in order to