

External Examiner induction

Programme Assessment Board (PAB)

Scenarios and Answers

This full-time student is being considered at the Tri 2 First Diet Board.
They have successfully passed all modules and achieved a total of 360 credits.
What would the Board's decision be?
Please review student board sheet on next page.
Select one:
a. The Student has satisfactorily completed their stage of study and can proceed to
their honours year.
b. The Student has satisfactorily met the criteria to be awarded a Bachelors Degree with Distinction.
c. The student cannot proceed as they have not achieved sufficient credit at SCQF
level 7 from a preceding stage of study.

Academic Session 2017/18 Programme Board Results

Code Course name Stage Occ Status Year Ave Recommendation
Course: 74107BH Ecotourism 3 A C

Scenario 1

Intended Award BSCH08 Bachelor of Science with Honours Award Title Ecotourism

Award Award Mark Classification

Taught Credit Summary by Session Exemptions by Session Overall CRE/O OPT/E Session CMP/C CMP/C CRE/O OPT/E Total | 2015/6 80.00 40.00 120.00 | 120.00 2016/7 60.00 60.00 120.00 | 120.00 2017/8 80.00 40.00 120.00 120.00

Total no. of Credits 360.00 360.00

Taught Credit Summary by Level Exemptions Overall CMP/C CRE/O OPT/E CMP/C CRE/O OPT/E Total Total | 07 80.00 20.00 100.00 100.00 | 08 60.00 80.00 140.00 140.00 | | 09 80.00 40.00 120.00 120.00 |

Total no. of Credits 360.00 360.00

					Mod	Agreed		Credits	Att	Compon	ent 1	Component 2			
Year	Sem	Status	Module	Name	Credits	Mark	Grade	Gained	no.	AST	Weight	Mark	AST	Weight	Mark
2017/8	TR1	СМР	ENV09103	Population and Community Ecology	20.00	58.3	Р	20.00	1	C1	60%	62.0	C2X	40%	52.8
2017/8	TR1	CMP	MIC09101	Scientific Communication	20.00	72.7	M	20.00	1	C1	50%	79.3	C2	50%	66.0
2017/8	TR1	OPT	TSM09103	International Tourism policy and planning	20.00	67.7	M	20.00	1	C1	50%	68.4	C2X	50%	67.0
2017/8	TR2	CMP	ENV09100	Life of Mammals	20.00	59.0	P	20.00	1	C1	40%	60.0	C2	60%	58.3
2017/8	TR2	CMP	ENV09101	Applied Terrestrial Ecology	20.00	72.0	M	20.00	1	C1	50%	77.0	C2	50%	67.0
2017/8	TR2	OPT	ENV09104	Marine Biology	20.00	61.2	Р	20.00	1	C1X	60%	60.7	C2	40%	62.0
2016/7	TR1	CMP	ENV08103	Practical Biology 3	20.00	55.9	Р	20.00	1	C1	100%	55.9			
2016/7	TR1	OPT	MUS08112	Popular Music Culture	20.00	58.3	P	20.00	1	C1	100%	58.3			
2016/7	TR1	CMP	TSM08102	Tourism Impacts	20.00	65.4	M	20.00	1	C1	60%	67.0	C2X	40%	63.0
2016/7	TR2	CMP	ENV08100	Animal Behaviour	20.00	54.4	P	20.00	1	C1	40%	58.0	C2X	60%	52.0
2016/7	TR2	OPT	ENV08105	Valuing the Earth	20.00	87.4	M	20.00	1	C1	40%	82.0	C2	60%	91.0
2016/7	TR2	OPT	HSS08100	Volunterring and Employability	20.00	80.0	M	20.00	1	C1	50%	90.0	C2	50%	70.0
2015/6	TR1	CMP	BMS07101	Practical Biology 1	20.00	71.0	M	20.00	1	C1	100%	71.0			
2015/6	TR1	CMP	ENV07100	Life on Earth	20.00	83.5	M	20.00	1	C1	50%	86.0	C2	50%	81.0
2015/6	TR1	CMP	TSM07101	Introduction to Hospitality, tourism	20.00	65.5	M	20.00	1	C1	25%	67.0	C2	75%	65.0
2015/6	TR2	CMP	BMS07105	Biology of Cells	20.00	45.8	P	20.00	1	C1X	40%	30.3	C2	60%	56.1
2015/6	TR2	OPT	ENT08101	Creativity, Innovation and Enterprise	20.00	57.0	P	20.00	1	C1	40%	72.0	C2	60%	47.0
2015/6	TR2	OPT	HRB07103	Plant Science	20.00	57.5	P	20.00	1	C1	25%	68.0	C2	75%	54.0

Answer Scenario 1

Answer A is correct:

Yes, this would be the correct decision to be made by the Board. Edinburgh Napier University supports reporting by exception processes which means that it would be unlikely that students with a profile such as this would be reviewed on an individual-by-individual basis at the Board as the progression decision is clear and straightforward. Typically it would be reported at the Board that XX number of students had passed all modules within the stage of study and are progressing to stage 4.

Answer B is incorrect

Whilst the student has met the criteria to be awarded an exit award of Bachelors Degree with Distinction set out in Regulation B3.19f) - the student is enrolled onto the Honours programme and there is nothing to indicate that the student was intending to exit.

The correct decision of the Board should be for the student to proceed to the next stage of study. Edinburgh Napier University supports reporting by exception processes which means that it would be unlikely that students with a profile such as this would be reviewed on an individual-by-individual basis at the Board as the progression decision is clear and straightforward. Typically it would be reported at the Board that XX number of students had passed all modules within the stage of study and are progressing to stage 4.

Answer C is incorrect

No, the student has sufficient credit, having undertaken an SCQF level 8 module in 2015/6 in addition to 5 level 7 modules.

Explanation

This scenario is intended to assess your understanding of the application of regulations set out in Sections B3 and B6 of the Academic Regulations. Edinburgh Napier University supports reporting by exception processes which means that it would be unlikely that students with a profile such as this would be reviewed on an individual-by-individual basis at the Board as the progression decision is clear and straightforward. Typically it would be reported at the Board that XX number of students had passed all modules within the stage of study and are progressing to stage 4. More information can be found in the Single Tier Board guidance.

This full-time student is being considered at the Resit Programme Board for Psychology.

They have failed 2 modules.

What would the Board's decision be?

Select one or more:

- a. The student would be required to exit the University with a Certificate of Credit
- b. The student would be asked to repeat the failed modules
- c. The student would be allowed to proceed to the next stage of study but would be required to resit the failed modules during the next trimester of delivery.

Academic Session

2017/8

Programme Board Results

Code Course name
Course: 761011BH PSYCHOLOGY

Stage 2

Occ

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Status

С

Year Ave

Recommendation

Scenario 2

Intended Award BAH08

H08 Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Award Title

PSYCHOLOGY

Award

Award Mark 51.70 Classification ORDDC

	Taught (Credit Sum	mary by S	ession	Exemptions by	Overall		
Session	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total
2017/8	80.00		0.00	80.00				80.00
Total no. of 0	Credits			80.00				80.00

	Taught C	redit Sumr	nary by Le	vel	Exemptions			Overall
	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total
07	80.00		0.00	80.00				80.00
Total no. of	Credits			80.00				80.00

					Mod	Agreed		Credits	Att	t Component 1			Component 2		
Year	Sem	Status	Module	Name	Credits	Mark	Grade	Gained	no.	AST	Weight	Mark	AST	Weight	Mark
2017/8	TR1	CMP	PSY07102	Psychology 1	20.00	50.0	Р	20.00	1	C1	40%	53.0	C2	60%	48.0
2017/8	TR1	CMP	SSC07101	Introduction to Sociology 1	20.00			20.00	1	C1	100%	20.5			
						40.0	P		2	C1	100%	50.0			
2017/8	TR1	CMP	SSC07103	Understanding Social Science	20.00				1	C1	30%	29.0	C2	70%	24.0
				Research		26.2	F	0.00	2	C1	30%	29.0	C2	70%	25.0
2017/8	TR2	OPT	LNG07113	Introduction to Spanish	20.00			0.00	1	C1	100%	29.0			
						29.0	NA		2	C1	100%	0.0			
2017/8	TR2	CMP	PSY07100	Individual Differences 1	20.00	40.0	P	20.00	1	C1	60%	45.3	C2X	40%	31.0
2017/8	TR2	CMP	PSY07101	Social Psychology 1	20.00	62.2	Р	20.00	1	C1	100%	62.2			

Scenario 2 Answer

a. The student would be required to exit the University with a Certificate of Credit.

This would be the most likely Board decision, a certificate of credit will be awarded to a student who has achieved a recognised volume of credit through successfully completing an approved SCQF level 7, 8, 9 or 10 module or modules but who has not satisfied the requirements for any of the awards of the University listed in Regulation A4.1a) or e)ii) to ix) inclusive.

You should note that a certificate of credit is not an award of the University.

b. The student would be asked to repeat the failed modules.

Regulation B5.10 states that where a student does not pass an SCQF level 7-10 module at first attempt, or at reassessment, the Programme Assessment Board will consider the student profile and may provide the opportunity for the student to repeat the module, as if studying it for the first time, for a second and final time. This could therefore be a valid decision for the Board to make. However, the student does not have a strong academic profile, did not attempt one of their reassessments and may not benefit from continuing with their studies at this time, as such this decision would not be recommended.

c. The student would be allowed to proceed to the next stage of study but would be required to resit the failed modules during the next trimester of delivery.

Students should not be permitted to proceed to the next stage of study having failed modules

Imagine this student joined the University in January 2017 and is being presented for consideration at the January 2018 Programme Assessment Board.

The student has failed two modules from his second trimester of study (trimester one – Sept – Dec). The student does not have any extenuating circumstances but has not had the opportunity for reassessment.

What would the decision of the Programme Assessment Board be?

Select one:

- a. The student cannot proceed to the next stage and continue with study during Trimester 2, as they are carrying 40 failed credits and Regulation B6.2 does not permit students to progress to the next stage of study carrying a failure in more than 20 credits.
- b. The student has 40 credits classed as pending reassessment, rather than failed credit and as such the student is permitted to progress to the first trimester of the next stage of study, pending reassessment at the compulsory reassessment opportunity in July.

Academic Session

2017/8

Programme Board Results

Course :

Code 36101BH Course name Business Studies Stage

Occ B Status C Year Ave

Recommendation

Scenario 3

Intended Award BAH08

Bachelor of Arts with Honours

Award Title Business Management

Award Award Mark

Classification

	Taught C	Credit Summ	ary by Ses	sion	Exemptions by Sess	sion		Overall
Session	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total
2016/7		60.00			60.00			60.00
2017/8			20	.00	20.00			20.00
Total no. of	Credits				80.00			80.00

	Taught Cre	dit Summa	ry by Level		Exemptions			Overall
	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total
07	60.00		20.00	80.00				80.00
Total no. of Cre	dits			80.00				80.00

					Mod	Agreed		Credits Att		Credits Att Con		Compor	Component 1		Component 2		
Year	Sem	Status	Module	Name	Credits	Mark	Grade	Gaine	d no.	AST	Weigh	t Mark	AST	Weight	Mark		
2017/8	TR1	OPT	LNG07101	French 4	20.00	63.0	Р	20.00	1	C1	50%	65.0	C2X	50%	61.0		
2017/8	TR1	CMP	ACC07104	Accounting for Business	20.00			0.00	1	C1	100%	38.0					
						38.0	F										
2017/8	TR1	CMP	MKT07101	Marketing 1	20.00			0.00	1	C1	50%	25.0	C2X	50%	50.0		
						37.5	F			C1	50%						
2016/7	TR2	CMP	SOE07103	Principles of Economics	20.00	58.5	Р	20.00	1	C1	50%	64.0	C2X	50%	53.0		
2016/7	TR2	CMP	ACC07104	Business Skills	20.00	76.0	M	20.00	1	C1	50%	77.0	C2X	50%	75.0		
2016/7	TR2	CMP	HRM07101	Behavioural Studies	20.00	65.5	M	20.00	1	C1	50%	62.0	C2	50%	69.0		

a. The student cannot proceed to the next stage and continue with study during Trimester 2, as they are carrying 40 failed credits and Regulation B6.2 does not permit students to progress to the next stage of study carrying a failure in more than 20 credits.

This is not the correct decision. Regulation B5.7 clarifies the position around reassessment and states that regardless of the trimester in which the module is taken in and the programme start date, a compulsory reassessment opportunity is provided in the July following delivery of the module, with the exception of modules within programmes delivered overseas over three continuous trimesters, for which reassessment must be provided and taken within two trimesters of the original attempt. Until the compulsory reassessment opportunity occurs the credits not achieved at original assessment are classified as pending assessment credit and not failed credit so Regulation B6.2 regarding failed credit does not apply and the students may progress to the next stage of study.

b. The student has 40 credits classed as pending reassessment, rather than failed credit and as such the student is permitted to progress to the first trimester of the next stage of study, pending reassessment at the compulsory reassessment opportunity in July.

This is the correct decision. Regulation B5.7 clarifies the position around reassessment and states that regardless of the trimester in which the module is taken in and the programme start date, a compulsory reassessment opportunity is provided in the July following delivery of the module, with the exception of modules within programmes delivered overseas over three continuous trimesters, for which reassessment must be provided and taken within two trimesters of the original attempt. Until the compulsory reassessment opportunity occurs the credits not achieved at original assessment are classified as pending assessment credit and not failed credit so the student may proceed to the next stage of study. This student's profile is unlikely to be presented to a Programme Assessment Board, though may be included in the summary table as progressing However, the Clerk may wish to highlight to the Board the complexities of this progression decision, for example by annotating the summary table. This would be discussed during pre-board preparation.

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It is important to note that if the student failed one or more modules at reassessment, even if the student passes their modules in trimester 2 (at the next stage) then the resit board in August would need to take account of Regulation B6.2 regarding progression carrying failed credit.

This full-time undergraduate student is being considered at the August resit board. They have failed one 20 credit module (LNG07103)

The student has passed all other modules and currently has 100 credits.

Can this student continue with their studies and what would be the decision of the Board?

Select one or more:

- a. Yes the student can proceed to the next stage of study as the student has met the conditions to be considered for a compensatory pass, following consideration of the student's profile, the Board agrees that the student should be awarded a compensatory pass as the student has demonstrated that they have met programme specific requirements.
- b. No, the student cannot proceed as they have failed their resit and must exit the University with a certificate of credit.
- c. Yes, this student can continue with their studies as it is possible to proceed to the next stage of study carrying a fail in no more than 20 credits.

Academic Session

2017/8

Programme Board Results

Code Course name

36101BH Business Management

Stage Occ

Status C Year Ave 57.37

Recommendation

Scenario 4

Course:

Intended Award BAH08 Award CCUG08 Bachelor of Arts with Honours
Undergraduate Certificate of Credit

Award Title

Business Management

Award Mark Classification

Taught Credit Summary by Session Exemptions by Session Overall CMP/C CRE/O OPT/E CMP/C Session Total CRE/O OPT/E Total 2017/8 100.00 100.00 100.00 Total no. of Credits 100.00 100.00

Taught Credit Summary by Level Exemptions Overall CMP/C CRE/O OPT/E Total CMP/C CRE/O OPT/E Total 07 100.00 100.00 100.00 Total no. of Credits 100.00 100.00

Mod Agreed Credits Att Component 1 Component 2 Sem Status Module Name Credits Mark Grade AST Weight Mark **AST** Weight Mark Year Gained no. 2017/8 TR1 CMP ACC07104 Accounting for Business 20.00 68.3 М 20.00 C1 C2 50% 54.0 50% 82.5 2017/8 TR1 **CMP** HRM07101 Behavioural Studies 20.00 61.0 20.00 C1 50% 62.0 C2 50% 60.0 2017/8 TR1 **CMP** SOE07101 Business Skills 20.00 66.5 20.00 C1 50% 61.0 C2 50% 72.0 2017/8 TR2 CMP MKT07101 Marketing 1 20.00 58.4 20.00 C1 60% 56.0 C2 40% 62.0 2017/8 TR2 **CMP** SOE07103 Principles of Economics 20.00 54.0 20.00 C1 100% 54.0 2017/8 TR2 OPT LNG07103 Spanish 1 20.00 C1 100% 32.0 36.0 0.00 C1 100% 36.0

a. Yes the student can proceed to the next stage of study as the student has met the conditions to be considered for a compensatory pass, following consideration of the student's profile, the Board agrees that the student should be awarded a compensatory pass as the student has demonstrated that they have met programme specific requirements.

The student has met the criteria for a compensatory pass, as they have passed all their other modules, submitted in each component of assessment in that module and achieved over 35%.

The Board might consider the student's otherwise solid academic profile in awarding this compensatory pass.

b. No, the student cannot proceed as they have failed their resit and must exit the University with a certificate of credit.

The failed module meets the criteria for consideration for a compensatory pass, and given the student's otherwise sound academic performance, there is no clear rationale provided as to why the programme specific requirements have not been met via the modules which have been passed. If the Board was to take this decision, they would need to ensure that the minutes of the Board detailed why the Board did not agree it appropriate to compensate the failed module to allow the student to proceed, for example if there were Professional and Statutory Regulatory Body (PSRB) restrictions.

c. Yes, this student can continue with their studies as it is possible to proceed to the next stage of study carrying a fail in no more than 20 credits.

Whilst Regulation B6.2 exceptionally allows students to progress to the next stage of study carrying a failure in no more than 20 credits there is no indication here that there would be an exceptional circumstance to allow this failure to be carried over. So this Regulation should not apply here.

This full time student is being considered at the Tri 3 First Diet Programme Assessment Board for MSc Business Management.

The student has failed one 20 credit module at original and at reassessment (ENT11105 – F1 overall) and passed all other modules. The student currently has 160 credits.

What award can be made for the student?

Select one or more:

- a. A Masters degree can be awarded as the student meets the criteria for the failed module to be considered for a compensatory pass.
- b. A Postgraduate Diploma should be awarded as the student has not achieved the 180 credits which would make them eligible for the Masters Degree

Academic Session

2017/8

Programme Board Results

Course:

Code Course name 31610MM

Business Management

Stage Осс 2 Α

Status С

Year Ave

Recommendation

SCENARIO PG3

Intended Award MSC08 PGDIP08

CMP/C

120.00

Master of Science Postgraduate Diploma **Award Title**

Business Management

Award **Award Mark**

Classification ORDDC

Taught Credit Summary by Session

Exemptions by Session

Overall CRE/O OPT/E **Total**

CRE/O

Session CMP/C CRE/O OPT/E CMP/C Total 2017/8 120.00 40.00 160.00 Total no. of Credits

CRE/O OPT/E

40.00

Taught Credit Summary by Level

160.00

Total

160.00

Exemptions CMP/C

Overall OPT/E Total

160.00

160.00

160.00

Total no. of Credits

160.00

160.00

					Mod	Agreed		Credits	Att	Compon	ent 1		Comp	onent 2	
Year	Sem	Status	Module	Name	Credits	Mark	Grade	Gained	no.	AST	Weight	Mark	AST	Weight	Mark
2017/8	TR1	CMP	SOE11111	Global Economic Environment	20.00			20.00	1	C1X	100%	F2			
							P1		2	C1X	100%	P5			
2017/8	TR1	OPT	MKT11108	Principles and Practice of Marketing	20.00		P4	20.00	1	C1	40%	P5	C2X	60%	P3
2017/8	TR1	CMP	SOE11108	Sources of Competitive Advantage	20.00		P4	20.00	1	C1	70%	P2	C2X	30%	D2
2017/8	TR2	CMP	STS11131	Research Methods	20.00		P3	20.00	1	C1	50%	P2	C2	50%	P3
2017/8	TR2	CMP	ENT11105	Innovation to Sustainability	20.00			0.00	1	C1	45%	F1	C2	55%	F2
							F1		2	C1	45%	F1	C2	55%	F1
2017/8	TR2	CMP	HRM11110	Behaviour and Management in Organ	20.00		P1	20.00	1	C1	50%	P1	C2X	50%	P1
2017/8	TR2	OPT	FIN11102	Market Analysis and Forecasting	20.00		P1	20.00	1	C1	40%	P2	C2	60%	P1
2017/8	TR2	CMP	SOE11130	Dissertation	40.00		P2	40.00	1	C1	100%	P2			

a. A Masters degree can be awarded as the student meets the criteria for the failed module to be considered for a compensatory pass.

This would be an appropriate Board decision in accordance with Regulation C6.3. assuming there is clear evidence that the student has achieved the programme learning outcomes and that there are no PSRB requirements which would prevent this.

b. A Postgraduate Diploma should be awarded as the student has not achieved the 180 credits which would make them eligible for the Masters Degree This would be a valid Board decision, though as the student meets the criteria for consideration for a compensatory pass, a clear rationale should be presented as to why this has been discounted.

Any decision not to award a compensatory pass should be documented clearly within the minutes and would normally need to be justified on the basis of a failure to meet the programme learning outcomes, or due to PSRB restrictions.

Explanation

B6.3 a) notes that a compensatory pass will be automatically considered where the student has:

- i) achieved a minimum of 35 per cent in a module:
- ii) submitted in each component of assessment in that module; and
- iii) passed all other modules in that stage of study

However, it is for the Programme Assessment Board to decide, using academic discretion, whether or not to compensate, following consideration of the student profile and the achievement of programme learning outcomes (B6.3d)).

This full-time student is being considered at the Tri 3 Programme Assessment Board for MA Design (Interior Architecture). The student has failed one 20 credit option module at original attempt and at reassessment (BSV11131 – F2 overall) and passed all other modules with an otherwise strong academic performance.

The student currently has 160 credits.

What award can be made for the student?

Select one or more:

a. Award Masters Degree with Distinction.

Whilst the Board recognise that ordinarily the Regulations would not permit a module with an F2 Grade to be eligible for a compensatory pass, the Board consider the otherwise strong academic performance with 140 credits awarded at D1 or above, and the fact that the module which has been failed is an option module and agree that in this exceptional case to award a compensatory pass and to award a Masters Degree with distinction.

- b. A Postgraduate Diploma should be awarded as the student has not achieved the 180 credits which would make them eligible for the Masters Degree.
- c. The Board should recommend that the student repeat and replace the failed module in Trimester 1 of the following session.

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2017/8

Programme Board Results

Course:

Code Course name 54748MM MA DESIGN (INTERIOR ARCHITECTURE) Stage Occ Α 1

Year Ave

Recommendation

SCENARIO PG4

Intended Award MSC08

Master of Arts

Postgraduate Diploma

Award Title

MA Design (interior architecture)

Status

С

Award **Award Mark**

Session

2017/8

Classification

ORDDC

160.00

PGDIP08

Taught Credit Summary by Session CRE/O OPT/E CMP/C Total

Exemptions by Session CMP/C

CRE/O

Overall Total

OPT/E

160.00

Total no. of Credits

Total no. of Credits

	Taught Ci	Taught Credit Summary by Level								
	CMP/C	CRE/O	OPT/E	Total						
11	160.00			160.00						

Exemptions CMP/C

Overall Total

OPT/E 160.00

160.00

160.00

160.00

					Mod Agreed			Credits	Att	Att Component 1			Component 2		
Year	Sem	Status	Module	Name	Credits	Mark	Grade	Gained	no.	AST	Weight	Mark	AST	Weight	Mark
2017/8	TR1	CMP	DES11101	Research Methods	20.00		D3	20.00	1	C1	100%	D3			
2017/8	TR1	CMP	DES11118	Spatial Lighting Design	20.00		P5	20.00	1	C1	100%	P5			
2017/8	TR1	CMP	DES11123	Major Design Project Part 1	20.00		D2	20.00	1	C1	100%	D2			
2017/8	TR2	OPT	BSV11131	Advanced Digital Media	20.00		F3		1	C1	100%	F3			
							F2		2	C1	100%	F2			
2017/8	TR2	CMP	DES11124	Major Design Project Part 2	40.00		D1	40.00	1	C1	100%	D1			
2017/8	TR3	CMP	DES11121	Design Project Report	60.00		D1	60.00	1	C1	100%	D1			

CRE/O

a. Award Masters Degree with Distinction. Whilst the Board recognise that ordinarily the Regulations would not permit a module with an F2 Grade to be eligible for a compensatory pass, the Board consider the otherwise strong academic performance with 140 credits awarded at D1 or above, and the fact that the module which has been failed is an option module and agree that in this exceptional case to award a compensatory pass and to award a Masters Degree with distinction.

This decision is not permitted by the Regulations and a compensatory pass should not be awarded in this case. In recognising the student's strong academic profile, the Board may recommend that Regulation C5.12 be applied and permit the student to repeat and replace the module with another module included within the approved programme structure.

b. A Postgraduate Diploma should be awarded as the student has not achieved the 180 credits which would make them eligible for the Masters Degree.

This would be a valid Board decision, particularly as the student does not meet the criteria for consideration for a compensatory pass. However, given the student's otherwise strong academic profile, the Board may wish to give the student an opportunity to repeat failed module, replacing it with another 20 credit module within the approved programme structure to enable the student to achieve a Master's degree award.

c. The Board should recommend that the student repeat and replace the failed module in Trimester 1 of the following session.

This would be a valid Board decision, particularly as the student does not meet the criteria for consideration for a compensatory pass, and given the student's otherwise strong academic profile, the Board may wish to give the student an opportunity to repeat failed module, replacing it with another 20 credit module within the approved programme structure to enable them to achieve the Master's degree with distinction that they are otherwise on track for.