

External Examiners' Report

2020/2021

General details	
Subject	<i>PPRR</i>
Name of external examiner	<i>Deveral Capps</i>
Date of report	<i>30th September 2021</i>

1 Report Checklist	
Have you received:	
1.1 LPC Handbook(s)?	<i>YES</i>
1.2 LPC Assessment Regulations?	<i>YES</i>
1.3 Module Descriptions?	<i>YES</i>
1.4 Marking Criteria?	<i>YES</i>
1.5 A sufficient numbers of scripts?	<i>YES</i>

2 Academic Issues	
2.1 Were the standards of the questions set appropriate for Legal Practice Course level?	<i>YES</i>
<i>All of the assessments I reviewed over the last academic year have been of an appropriate standard for Legal Practice Course level.</i>	
2.2 Were the assessments well-designed? i.e. did they assess appropriately the learning outcomes set for the course.	<i>YES</i>

Overall, the assessments have been very well designed and completely appropriate to test the relevant learning outcomes.

The questions set for the PPRR are interesting and suitable for the task. The model/suggested answers for the PPRR are thoughtful and well written.

I am a little disappointed that the pre-covid assessment methods for PPRR could not have been reintroduced for this academic year, so that candidates are assessed by way of essay and presentation, the requirement for the supporting presentation being suspended. With so many electronic systems now available to support remote presentations (if this is even needed), ULaw should reintroduce them as soon as possible.

2.3 Was the standard of performance attained by candidates in general appropriate for master's level?	YES
<i>The standards met were appropriate for the Legal Practice Course and certainly at L7.</i>	
2.4 Was the marking satisfactory and consistent?	YES
<i>This was my third year of responsibility for PPRR and the marking I have moderated was satisfactory and consistent. I am satisfied that the processes put in place by Mr Stuart Bladen for internal moderation are working well.</i>	

3 Administrative Issues: please make any comments you wish to make on:

3.1 The process of setting assessments.	<i>This is done appropriately; I have no additional comments to make.</i>
3.2 The administration of assessment of coursework and the final examinations.	<i>This is done appropriately. I have no additional comments to make.</i>
3.3 The moderation process.	<i>This is done appropriately; I had to ask for some additional information from the administrative team, but this was provided swiftly.</i>
3.4 The conduct of the Examination Board meetings	<i>The Assessment Board I attended remotely (30th September 2021) was done appropriately, with all relevant due consideration and I wholly endorse the decisions reached.</i>
3.5 Procedures relating to candidates with special needs/concessions	<i>I was not aware of any special needs or concession applications.</i>
3.6 Any other procedural issues.	<i>No comment.</i>

4 Quality Assurance Issues	
4.1 Were assessment policies and your duties as external examiner adequately explained to you?	YES
4.2 Did you have adequate access to any material needed to make the required judgements?	YES
4.3 Were your comments during the assessment process and at the Examination Boards considered appropriately	YES
4.4 Has appropriate action been taken in respect of comments made in your last examiner's report?	YES
<p>Please make any comments you wish to make on the above points.</p> <p><i>No comment</i></p>	
5. Areas of good practice	
<p><i>It has been another difficult year in HE and the efforts the course team have made to ensure students and staff are impacted as little as possible by the pandemic should be applauded.</i></p>	
6 Other issues	
<p><i>No centre visits were organised this year, because of covid. I do hope they will be permitted next year so we externals are able to speak to students and better understand their experience.</i></p>	

Signed: *Deveral Capps*
Dated: 30th September 2021