

ASC approved the following amendments to the Code of Assessment which had arisen from recent ASC/EdPSC decisions

Definition of 'component of assessment'

16.2 (a) Each such course will incorporate a scheme of assessment which:

- (ia) assesses candidates' performance against the intended learning outcomes of the course;
- (bii) includes an appropriate combination of formative and summative elements;
- (iii) deploys forms of assessment appropriate to the intended learning outcomes of the course, taking due account of its credit rating;
- (iv) where re-assessment is provided for in the degree regulations, makes provision for the re-assessment of candidates in accordance with the regulations;
- (ve) may be changed only through procedures approved by Senate;
- (vif) may be varied exceptionally in a given session in response to specific circumstances subject to the approval of the Clerk of Senate;
- (viig) is as far as practicable anonymous.

(b) Each scheme of assessment will set out the individual components of assessment and their respective weighting in the calculation of the final grade for the course

(i) 'Component of assessment' means each of the weighted assessments set out in the course specification document.

(ii) Each component of assessment may include sub-components except that individual questions in an examination or other piece of coursework shall not be regarded as sub-components.

Reference to guidance on Honours Exam Board discretion

16.36 The mean scores corresponding to the required components of the honours programme shall be summed and an overall mean computed, where appropriate employing weights as specified in the programme documentation, and rounded to one decimal place. Where appropriate, overall means shall be computed separately in respect of assessment relating to Schedules A and B.

(a) There shall be four classes of honours: first, upper second, lower second and third. A candidate who is not placed in one of the four classes shall have failed the honours programme. (This shall not prevent the award of an unclassified honours degree within the terms of regulation §16.52(d)(i)).

(b) Where Schedule A alone applies the honours class awarded shall be that shown in Schedule A as having the range of aggregation scores in which the overall mean lies, except that a Board of Examiners shall have discretion as defined in the Notes to the Schedules. In exercising that discretion the Board of Examiners must apply the guidance set out in the Guide to the Code of Assessment. In determining whether a candidate for joint or combined honours falls within the range in which there is discretion, all of the grades achieved by the candidate across both subjects must be taken into account.

Further amendment will be made to clauses 16.31 and 16.66 before these are finalised for the publication of the Code in 2011-12.