

Summary Minutes of the Medical Council meeting 25th April 2012

A meeting of the Medical Council was held at 08:30 hrs on Wednesday 25th April 2012 in Kingram House, Kingram Place, Dublin 2.

MEMBERS PRESENT

Professor Kieran Murphy (President)
Dr Richard Brennan
Mr Brendan Broderick
Ms Katharine Bulbulia
Professor Gerard Bury
Mrs Anne Carrigy
Dr Anna Clarke (Vice-President)
Dr Regina Connolly
Ms Marie Kehoe
Dr Deirdre Madden
Professor John McAdoo
Mr Frank McManus

Dr John Monaghan
Ms Marie Murray
Ms Margaret Murphy
Professor Diarmuid O'Donoghue
Dr Daniel O'Hare
Dr David O'Keeffe
Dr John O'Mullane
Professor William Powderly
Dr Michael Ryan

APOLOGIES

Professor Damien McLoughlin
Dr Pauline Kane

IN ATTENDANCE

Ms Caroline Spillane (CEO)
Mr Marcus Balfe (Head of Finance)
Dr Anne Keane (Head of Education & Training)
Mr William Kennedy (Director of Regulation and Legal Adviser)
Dr Paul Kavanagh (Director of Professional Development and Practice)
Ms Lisa Molloy (Secretary to Council, Head of Corporate Services & HR)
Mr Jim McDermott (Head of ICT & Operations)
Mr Philip Brady (Head of Registration)
Ms Ciara McMorro (Corporate Services)
Ms Jan Fitzpatrick (Corporate Services)
Mr Diarmuid Coen (Professional Standards)
Mr John Sidebottom (Professional Standards)
Mr David Holland (Senior Counsel)

Note:

A Private Session was taken prior to the commencement of the Council meeting. Following completion of this session, the Council meeting was formally commenced.

The President noted that there was a quorum of Council members present and that no conflicts of interest had been declared.

Minutes

1. The minutes of the meeting held on 13th and 14th March 2012 were agreed and signed.
2. The minutes of the meeting held on 12th April 2012 were agreed and signed.
3. The summary minutes of the meeting held on 13th and 14th March 2012 were also agreed for publication to the website.

CEO's Business

Council members noted the CEO report which provided an update to members on a number of matters of strategic, policy and operational significance including:

- Confirmation has been received from the Departments of Health and Finance that the Medical Council's business case for the creation of the Case Officer posts has been approved.
- It was noted that the next PRES Exam is due to be held on 19 May 2012.
- The Annual Report & Financial Statements 2011 has been submitted to the Minister for Health. The Minister will be invited to formally launch the Annual Report in early June.

Committees and Working Groups

Professional Development Committee

1. Council approved the recommendations contained in the Accrediting Team's report following their visit to IMU which was approved as per the following terms:
 - That the International Medical University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia (IMU), programme which leads to the award by the National University of Ireland of an MB BAO BCh degree; and the IMU as a body, should be approved for a period of five years under the terms of Sections 88(2)(a)(i)(I) and 88(2)(a)(i)(II) respectively of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.
2. Council approved the recommendations contained in the Accrediting Team's report following their visit to Perdana University which was approved as per the following terms:

- That the Perdana University programme is approved with conditions under 88(2)(a)(i)(I) and bodies under 88(2)(a)(i)(II) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.
3. Council approved the recommendations contained in the Accrediting Team's report following their visit to Penang Medical College (PMC) which having noted the commendations contained therein, the programme was approved under 88(2)(a)(i)(I) and bodies under 88(2)(a)(i)(II) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.
- Penang Medical College Medical School (PMC), Malaysia be approved for a period of five years under the terms of Section 88(2)(a)(i)(I) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.
 - University College Dublin be approved for a period of five years under Section 88(2)(a)(II) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 as the body which may in conjunction with the PMC, Malaysia deliver that programme.
 - Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland be approved for a period of five years under Section 88(2)(a)(II) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 as the body which may in conjunction with the PMC, Malaysia deliver that programme.
4. Council reviewed the report on the Direct Entry Programme Accreditation Visit to the University College Cork Direct which, having noted the commendations contained therein, was approved as per the following terms:
- The University College Cork's Direct Entry Medical Programme should be approved for a period of five years under the terms of Section 88(2)(a)(i)(I) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.
 - The University College Cork should be approved for a period of five years under Section 88(2)(a)(II) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 as the body which may deliver that programme.
5. Council reviewed the report on the Graduate Entry Programme Accreditation Visit to the University College Cork which, having noted the commendations contained therein, was approved as per the following terms:
- The University College Cork's four year Graduate Entry to Medicine Medical Programme (UCC GEM), should be approved for a period of five years under the terms of Section 88(2)(a)(i)(I) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.
 - The University College Cork should be approved for a period of five years under Section 88(2)(a)(II) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 as the body which may deliver that programme.

6. Council reviewed the report on the Graduate Entry Programme Accreditation Visit to the University College Dublin which, having noted the commendations contained therein, was approved as per the following terms:

- The University College Dublin's four year Graduate Entry to Medicine Medical Programme (UCD GEM), should be approved for a period of five years under the terms of Section 88(2)(a)(i)(I) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007.
- The University College Dublin should be approved for a period of five years under Section 88(2)(a)(II) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 as the body which may deliver that programme.

7. Council approved the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland Programme of Specialist Training in General Surgery under Section 89 (3) (a) (i) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, for an initial period of five (5) years.

Council also approved the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland under Section 89(3) (a) (ii) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 as the body which may deliver the Programme of Specialist Training in General Surgery for an initial period of five (5) years.

8. Council reviewed the report of the Accreditation Visit to the Faculty of Radiologists and the PDC recommendation for approval of the programme and the body.

The Council approved the Programme of Specialist Training in Diagnostic Radiology with conditions under the terms of Section 89(3) (a) (i) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007, for an initial period of five years.

Council also approved the Faculty of Radiologists with conditions under Section 89(3) (a) (ii) of the Medical Practitioners Act 2007 as the body which may deliver the Programme of Specialist Training in Diagnostic Radiology for an initial period of five years.

Standards in Practice Committee

1. Council accepted the report of decisions to refuse Registration where the 12 week appeal window has expired and directed that the doctors referred to in the report be advised accordingly.
2. Council approved the entry of a doctor to the Specialist Division of the Register on the basis of experience.

Audit Committee

- Council discussed changes to the Rules regarding the Annual Retention Fee and directed that these Rules be published for public consultation in the normal manner.

Professional Competence Committee

1. Council was advised that the Annual Declaration will require all registered doctors to declare their professional competence compliance. Council further noted that the PCC will oversee a random audit which will require doctors to provide a Statement of Participation.

Nomination Sub-Committee

The following recommendation of the Nominations Sub-Committee was approved by Council:

Standard Setting Sub-Committee (Chair)
Professor Alan Johnson

Date and Time of Next Meeting

Council members were advised that the next scheduled Council meeting will take place at 10.30 hrs on Wednesday 30th and Thursday 31st May 2012.