

ACCREDITATION PANEL

Report to the ACCE Annual Meeting July 2006



1. **NEW FACES !**

At this meeting CIOB were pleased to welcome Michael Daws of Northumbria University as the latest member of Accreditation panel. A special welcome was extended to Roger Liska from Clemson University as ACCE representative.

Introductions were made by new Englemere officers, namely Anna Price (Higher Education Manager) and Sean Carroll (Accreditation Co-ordinator) Anna will formally assume the role of secretary of the Accreditation Panel, supported by Sean as co-ordinator.

2. **UPDATES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

Australian Institute of Building

NM advised that the agreement with AIOB has been revised and signed.

Reciprocity Agreements

CIOB have announced the signing of a new reciprocity agreement with the Hong Kong Institute of Engineers (Building Division).

Membership

Tony Bryan's tenure on the panel was extended to September 2006. Tony and Keith Chapman would be leaving the panel at this time.

The issue of rotation and workload is still one that causes concern. 12 new advisors will be in training by September.

An effort is being made to bring in more industrialists as members of the accreditation panel. A training day is to be organised to ensure that good practice is

met by all new panel members. All new members should have at least three visits' experience and it is hoped to bring in a new member at each meeting.

AKP confirmed that his tenure as Chair will end in 2007 and he will announce his successor at the panel meeting in September.

Toronto Construction Association (TCA), The George Brown Toronto City College (GBTCC)

CIOB are still awaiting responses from Toronto City College. Feedback has been given and they have requested a visit.

The TCA are also investigating institutional membership.

3 **PATHFINDER VISITS**

Pathfinder visits had been undertaken to Liverpool John Moore's University the Jomo Kenyatta University, Kenya. A forthcoming visit to Tunku Abdul Rahman University (UTAR), Malaysia will be undertaken over the summer period.

4 **VISITS UNDETAKEN**

The following institutions have recently received accreditation team visits:

University of Ulster

ACS Renewal: School of Built Environment

Reaccreditation of:

BSc (Hons) Construction Engineering and Management F/T

BSc (Hons) Construction Engineering and Management P/T

North East Wales Institute of Higher Education (NEWI)

BSc (Hons) Architectural Design
Technology
BSc (Hons) Building Maintenance
Management
BSc (Hons) Construction Management
BSc (Hons) Estate Agency
BSc (Hons) Estate Management

University of Central Lancashire (UCLan)

ACS Renewal: Department of the Built
Environment
Re-Accreditation:
BSc(Hons) Construction Project
Management
BSc(Hons) Facilities Management
BSc(Hons) Commercial Management &
Quantity Surveying
BSc(Hons) Building Surveying
FdSc Construction (partial accreditation)
New Accreditation:
BSc(Hons) Architectural Technology
and
MSc Construction Project Management

Heriot-Watt University (HWU)

ACS Renewal School of the Built
Environment

Re-accreditation: BSc (Hons)
Construction Management
BSc (Hons) Construction Management
(Building Services)
BSc (Hons) Construction Management
(Project Management)

New Accreditation:
MSc Construction Management
MSc Building Conservation Technology &
Management

Emerging issues noted:

Visiting teams and arrangements: chairs
of visiting teams are advised that they
have the authority to request larger teams
to attend events in instances where the
workload is very high, in addition they may
also request for a longer visit period so
that decisions can be made appropriately.

5 RAPPORTEURS REPORTS

The following reports were considered:

Kingston University

First time accreditation.
ACS: Faculty of Engineering
BSc (Hons) Building Surveying (code A)
BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying (code A)
BSc (Hons) Construction Management
BSc (Hons) Construction Engineering
Foundation Degree in Construction
Engineering

Leeds Metropolitan University

Reaccreditation: ACS: School of
Construction & Project Management
BSc (Hons) Construction Management

London South Bank University

Additional courses
BSc (Hons) Commercial Management
BSc (Hons) Architectural Technology
BSc (Hons) Property Management
MSc Construction Project Management

Nottingham Trent University

BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying
BA (Hons) Design Development &
Regeneration
BSc (Hons) FAPMIC
BSc (Hons) Property Management

Submission awaiting review.

College of Estate Management

MBA in Construction and Real Estate

Hong Kong Polytechnic University

MSc in Project Management

6 VISITS PROPOSED

Visits are proposed for:

- Liverpool John Moores University
- Anglia Ruskin University
- Coventry University
- Kingston University
- Leeds Metropolitan University

- University of Glamorgan

These visits will take place over summer / autumn 2006.

7 RESPONSE TO CONDITIONS

Satisfactory responses were approved for the following institutions:

Nottingham Trent University
MSc International Construction Management
MSc Construction Management

University of the West of England
MSc Construction Project Management

Waterford Institute of Technology
BSc (Hons) Construction Management
BSc (Hons) Construction Management & Engineering (visit to take place to review revised programmes).

MARA
BSc (Hons) Construction Management

Graduate Diploma Programme (GDP)
(approved "In Principle", pending graduation of candidates and response to administrative condition).

University College London
BSc (Hons) Project Management for Construction (still pending)

LIMERICK INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
BSc (Hons) Construction Management
BSc (Hons) Civil Engineering Management (outcome pending)

COLLEGE OF ESTATE MANAGEMENT
BSc (Hons) Quantity Surveying
BSc (Hons) Building Surveying
(approval still pending)

8 PARTIAL ACCREDITATION

Papers were submitted detailing the mapping of English and Scottish Higher National Diploma programmes against the CIOB Education Framework. The awards followed a generic pattern and were judged to be an appropriate match.

The qualifications delivered in Ireland for Higher Certificates in Construction showed significant differences and as such accreditation could not be applied at a generic level and would need to be examined on a course/centre specific basis.

CIOB also needs to consider its involvement in and accreditation of Foundation Degrees. A growing number of applications had been received, which are more akin to the current HND qualifications in terms of content. It was agreed that the panel should wait for a model from Edexcel before taking any decisions on this. In the meantime, a forum for providers and a working group has been established to consider this and advise on how CIOB should view the issue of top up programmes which lead to an accredited honours degree.

9 ACCREDITATION SURVEY 2005/06

As part of the review of the CIOB accreditation process and on line survey had been undertaken from all members.

The survey showed, in relation to the accreditation process that procedures needed to be rationalised to ensure consistency, clarity and closer integrations with regions. From this the proposed alterations to the framework document have been developed. The results relating to health & safety, design, information, conduct, ethics and sustainable development are now reflected in the proposed amendments to the Education Framework, see next item.

10 REVISIONS TO ACCREDITATION PROCESS AND EDUCATION FRAMEWORK 2005

The first draft templates relating to the application process as well as suggested alterations to the Education Framework have now been produced. These forms will form part of an online database which will accompany each submission and can therefore be accessed by all panel members as required.

A pilot accreditation will take place over Autumn 2007 to trail the system.

The existing documentation would be developed into a working manual over the summer period and will be circulated to all advisors and accredited centres over the summer period for review and agreement at the next meeting of accreditation panel in September.

In summary the revised process includes a two part submission process, where:

Part A relates to the institutional provision, including 9 templates, these being namely:

1. strategic plans
2. institutional information
3. CIOB ethos
4. industry links
5. staff profile
6. learning resources
7. quality assurance systems
8. policies
9. health and safety

Part B relates to the programme(s) and include 6 templates, these are:

1. programme aims
2. programme structure
3. assessment and feedback
4. student perceptions and feedback
5. mapping against the CIOB framework of learning outcomes
6. programme information and data

11 ACCE REPORT

A report of the ACCE mid year meeting held in San Diego in February 2006 was tabled by the chair. Roger Liska reported on the development of standards for accredited graduate courses. As part of the review of processes both in the US and in the UK it was agreed to extend an invitation to the ACCE to send an observer to a future CIOB accreditation event.

12 VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PANEL

CIOB Certificate in Site Surveying

A CIOB certificate in Site Surveying is being developed, which will replace the previous Certificate of Competence. This

would be a bespoke course, not linked to membership at this level but based on the lines and levels of the Site Management Programme.

CIOB/CIH Technical Services Qualification.

The consultation period has recently ended and the results are being reviewed. It has been well received within the sector. Further development of the prospective structures and contents will place over the next few months.

DMX Review

The review is considering following L&PPB and PFC at the present. New examiners are being recruited for the DMX. Also an experienced practitioner format is being examined as part of this process.

QCA Information – Extension to Accreditation

CIOB has successfully negotiated a two year extension to QCA accreditation of their level 3 and 4 programmes.

SMETS 30th Anniversary

The is an anniversary luncheon to celebrate 30 years of SMETS on 7th June. Invites are being sent out.

13 OVERSEAS ACCREDITATION

There is an issue with South Africa regarding the framework. There is a need to remove reference to CDM and replace with its equivalent. The revised framework is to be sent overseas for consultation and AKP will write cover letter for this purpose.

14 BEAR CONFERENCE UPDATE

The chair tabled a report from the recent CIB W89 conference held in Hong Kong. The chair met meet with the existing accredited providers at City University, PolyU and HKCT. The next conference will take place in Sri Lanka in 2008.

Date of the next meeting: 13th September.