

External Examiners' Report

2021/2022

General details	
Subject	LPC Advocacy and LPC Advanced Criminal Litigation
Name of external examiner	Alan Birbeck
Date of report	30/09/2022

1 Report Checklist	
Have you received:	
1.1 LPC Handbook(s)?	YES/NO
1.2 LPC Assessment Regulations?	YES/NO
1.3 Module Descriptions?	YES/NO
1.4 Marking Criteria?	YES/NO
1.5 A sufficient numbers of scripts?	YES/NO
1.5.1 If you did receive the scripts, was the method of selection satisfactory?	YES/NO

2 Academic Issues	
2.1 Were the standards of the questions set appropriate for Legal Practice Course level?	YES/NO
Please comment. Assessments, points to note and marking process was appropriate and clear from the documentation	

2.2 Were the assessments well-designed? i.e did they assess appropriately the learning outcomes set for the course.	YES/NO
<p>Please comment.</p> <p>The assessments were appropriately designed to meet the learning outcomes of the LPC course</p>	
2.3 Was the standard of performance attained by candidates in general appropriate for Masters level?	YES/NO
<p>Please Comment</p> <p>The standard of performance appropriate for a Masters Level course</p>	
2.4 Was the marking satisfactory and consistent?	YES/NO
<p>Please Comment</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) The marking system was fair and appropriate. ii) The marking standard is both fair and reasonable. iii) The marks awarded were within the band of reasonable responses with no abnormal out of bandwidth distinctions between centres. iv) There was workable parity between the different courses and centres. v) The feedback given was appropriate and rigorous particularly for those who have failed an assessment or needed clear feedback to improve. <p>This is a significant achievement of the markers and the process given how many centres sit the assessments. It is a credit to the leadership and the marking teams.</p>	

3 Administrative Issues: please make any comments you wish to make on:	
3.1 The process of setting assessments.	Suitable
3.2 The administration of assessment of coursework and the final examinations.	Suitable.
3.3 The moderation process.	Suitable
3.4 The conduct of the Examination Board meetings	Suitable
3.5 Procedures relating to candidates with special needs/concessions	Suitable
3.6 Any other procedural issues.	None

4 Quality Assurance Issues	
4.1 Were assessment policies and your duties as external examiner adequately explained to you?	YES/NO
4.2 Did you have adequate access to any material needed to make the required judgements?	YES/NO
4.3 Were your comments during the assessment process and at the Examination Boards considered appropriately	YES/NO
4.4 Has appropriate action been taken in respect of comments made in your last examiner's report?	YES/NO
<p>Please make any comments you wish to make on the above points.</p> <p>I have previously noted and reiterate: 'It may be useful to have a short annual refresher training for all External Examiners. I am introducing this at my own institution and find it constructive.'</p>	
5. Areas of good practice <p>Please provide a description or bullet point list of any particular areas of good practice in relation to standards and assessment processes that would be worthy of dissemination to a wider audience.</p> <p>The assessment setting is appropriate and rigorous</p> <p>The marking process is careful, diligent and fair.</p> <p>If there is a problem staff but academic and administrative are constructive and careful</p> <p>The exam boards are professional</p>	
6 Other issues <p>Please make any comments you wish to make on other issues.</p> <p>NONE</p>	

Signed: Alan G Birbeck
Dated: 30/08/2022