RESOLUTION NO 677 – BOARD OF CATHOLIC EDUCATION

In pursuance of the powers conferred under Section 3 of the Universities (Scotland) Act 1966, the University Court hereby resolves as follows:

1. There shall be a Board of Catholic Education in the School of Education (‘the Board’).

2. The membership of the Board shall be:

   • A Co-Convener nominated by the Head of the School of Education and appointed by the Senate, subject to confirmation by the University Court. He or she will be a University member of the Board outside the School of Education, appointed for a period of three years with the possibility of re-appointment for a second term;
   • 4 nominees of the Bishops’ Conference appointed for a period of three years with the possibility of re-appointment for a second term, one of these 4 nominees to be a Co-Convener nominated by the Bishops’ Conference and appointed by the Senate, subject to confirmation by the University Court;
   • The Clerk of Senate or nominee;
   • A Vice-Principal;
   • The Head of the School of Education;
   • The Director of UG/ITE or nominee;
   • The Director of the Scottish Catholic Education Service;
   • The Director of the St Andrew’s Foundation;
   • The Coordinator of Spiritual and Pastoral Formation (Catholic Teacher Education);
   • An academic member of the School of Education nominated by the members of the School and appointed for a period of 3 years, with the possibility of re-appointment for a second term;
   • Two student representatives who are registered students in the School of Education on Initial Teacher Education programmes preparing students to teach in Catholic schools. One student member will represent students on degree programmes and may be appointed for a maximum of three years. One student member will represent students on PGDE programmes and will be appointed for one year.

3. The remit shall be:

   • The Board of Catholic Education will be responsible for advising on all aspects of the professional education of intending teachers for Catholic schools within the School and also in relevant continuing professional development;
   • In discharging its responsibilities the Board will consult and advise the School’s Undergraduate Committee and the School Executive. The Board shall normally report to the School of Education and through it to the Senate. It may, however, in exceptional circumstances, communicate directly with the Education Policy and Strategy Committee, and from there to the Senate and the University Court. The Board may also liaise, as appropriate, with Leaders of the School’s Research and Teaching Groups.

4. The responsibilities of the Board shall be:
• Maintaining an overview of teacher education for students preparing to teach in Catholic schools, including monitoring arrangements for the admission of suitable students to courses;
• Monitoring courses in religious education and programmes in Catholic teacher formation developed by the St Andrew's Foundation for students and teachers in Catholic education so that they meet the requirements of the Bishops' Conference;
• Monitoring arrangements for quality assurance with respect to educational programmes specifically relating to the preparation of prospective teachers for Catholic schools; such arrangements shall be consistent with the University's requirements for the management of the quality of taught provision;
• Advising the School on matters relevant to the effective development of Catholic education, research and consultancy;
• Monitoring the staffing profile of the School in terms of its appropriateness and balance to discharge its obligations in respect of support for the professional education of students preparing to teach in Catholic schools and of teachers in Catholic schools;
• Monitoring the use of resources to support the training of intending teachers for Catholic schools.

5. The Board shall produce an annual report, based upon its review of these responsibilities, for transmission through the School of Education to the Senate and from there to the University Court.

6. Resolutions 546 and 571 are hereby repealed.

7. This Resolution shall take effect on 1 September 2017.

Dr David Duncan, University Secretary

Explaination
This Resolution amends the membership, remit and responsibilities of the Board of Catholic Education, to reflect changes in University structures and in nomenclature since Resolutions 546 and 571. In addition, the Resolution introduces Co-Conveners, one from the Catholic Church and one from the University, to reflect the Board's dual membership and interests, and current practice. The Resolution consolidates earlier Resolutions regarding the Board of Catholic Education and all earlier Resolutions are repealed.