The Institute of Maxillofacial Prosthetists & Technologists



Minute of Meeting of the Short Life Working Group for Alternative Entry Qualifications – MSc/STP Reconstructive Science

6th November 2023

Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and welcomed new members. Introductions around the virtual room.

Chair shared a summary of current position.

1. Minutes of previous meeting

Approved

2. Matters arising from previous meeting

None

3. Update on additional qualifications

An update on historical degree course in DT was provided. Three years with entrants at A Level. Modules completed in year three allowed them membership of the IMPT.

Chair shared list of additional qualifications agreed. HEI to be consulted regarding addition of BSc Healthcare Science and BSc Design Engineering. Going forward we need to check with HEi's regarding adding a caveat for additional degrees - the list is not exhaustive.

4. Units willing to take non-DT graduates

Discussion around where these students would go – identify host units that would be willing to take students with alternative degree. Group to compile a list of units that would be willing to take a non-DT trainee.

Members of group to compile a collaborative overview of required fundamental DT skills. This will go out to members asking for anyone who would be able to support this teaching.

Discussion about the potential issues that may arise as a result of this going ahead.

Group member will provide an update from the GIRFT report which will give an indication of which units are carrying out Max Fac and DT work.

5. Plan Voting - January 2024

IMPT Legal Secretary stated;

I have considered the type of decision you are looking to put to the membership.

It is not a statutory decision(which would require a vote in accordance with the Memorandum and Articles) and as such you are free to take the vote in any format that Council resolves to make.

What is required is a vote on Counsel (by e mail would suffice) to resolve:-

"Council resolves to hold a vote on the proposal to (Insert here the question) to be held via (either postal ballot or e mail vote -Council to decide?)(set out the time scale and deadline for the vote ect"

Discussed taking this decision to a vote. We cannot continue with planning/designing support mechanisms until we are certain that it will be supported by the membership.

The need to make sure there is enough un-biased information available for members before they decide.

This will not be a debate – it will be based on questions and comments that have been submitted by members and will cover as many varied perspectives as possible.

6. Fundamentals of DT

To be carried over to next meeting – after vote.

7. Next steps/Actions

Coms and website to be used to action voting process Next meeting will be arranged after vote takes place.