Planning and Resource Allocation Committee of Council

Changes in regulations

The Planning and Resource Allocation Committee of Council (PRAC) has made the following changes in regulations.

Remit of the Fees Panel

Explanatory Note

In Trinity term 2012, PRAC, Education Committee and the Conference of Colleges, on the recommendation of the Joint Fees and Student Support Advisory Group, approved a proposal to broaden the remit of the Fees Panel to include consideration of individual students’ cases where there is some doubt, difficulty or dispute in relation to the financial support to be made available to Home/EU undergraduates commencing their academic studies from 2012–13.

This change to the regulations makes reference to this new role for the Fees Panel. The opportunity has also been taken to include reference to the Fees Panel's role in relation to cases relating to the charging of deposits, and the University continuation charge.

Text of Regulations

With immediate effect

In Examination Regulations, 2011, p 1087, after l 11, amend as follows (new text underlined, deleted text scored through):

‘(d) Applications for the remission or waiver of university fees, for the resolution of issues relating to the non-payment of university fees, and for all other questions of doubt or difficulty relating to the liability of individual students for university fees, including those covered under (a) to (c) above, and for questions of doubt or difficulty relating to the charging of deposits for course fees, or for tuition charge waivers or bursaries as covered in § 7, or for liability for the continuation charge as covered in § 8 shall be determined by the Fees Panel. The Panel, which shall be chaired by the Assessor and consist of two members nominated by Conference of Colleges, two members nominated by Council's Education Committee, and the Assessor-elect. Applications for dispensation from residence requirements, other than those specified above, shall be determined by the Proctors, on condition that if the Fees Panel or the Proctors, as the case may be, are unable to agree on how to deal with any individual application they shall refer the application to Council’s Education Committee for decision.

(e) There shall be no appeal against a decision of the Fees Panel. A student may, however, make a further application under the procedures outlined above for relief from suspension or such terms as may have been imposed by a Fees Panel if the Bursar of his or her college supports an application on the basis that the student's financial circumstances have changed for reasons beyond his or her control.’