Academic Council

Summary of Meeting held on 6th April 2022	
1.	**Academic Calendar 2022/2023** It was noted that the draft academic calendar has been forwarded to the Social Partners and that consultation is ongoing. It was noted that the Academic Calendar Working Group, which was agreed at the last meeting, will consider the adoption of a multi-annual calendar and the impact of different dates including the positioning of review week. It was also noted that an invitation to join the Working Group will be circulated to Academic Council members. It was noted that Academic Council approval of the 2022/2023 calendar is required as soon as possible to facilitate planning for the next academic year.
2.	**Approach to Semester 2 and Supplemental Assessment** It was noted that, as agreed at the last meeting, the University should plan to facilitate face-to-face assessments for Semester 2 and Supplemental assessments whilst acknowledging that Staff may wish to proceed with alternative remote assessments. It was clarified that the extension to Emergency QA Procedures which was approved for this academic year also applies to Supplemental assessments. It was noted that a Supplemental assessment fee waiver will be in place for 2021/2022 Supplemental assessments.
3.	**Student Recruitment – CAO numbers Presentation** M. Murphy, Head of Recruitment, Admissions and Participation, joined the meeting to outline a presentation in relation to the above.
4.	**Examination Results/Awards** **Examination Results** Academic Council noted/approved examination results from the Graduate Research School Board. **Student Academic Excellence Awards** Academic Council noted the approval of Student Academic Excellence Awards by the following Academic Boards: **College of Arts and Tourism** **College of Business**
5.	**Annual Quality Report 2020/21** Academic Council noted the Annual Quality Report 2020/21 which was submitted to QQI in February.
6.	**Student Feedback System – Presentation** B. Bowe and N. O'Neill outlined a presentation in relation to the Student Feedback System including lessons learned from the pilot of the system in January/February 2022. It was noted that at its meeting on 16th March AQAEC adopted proposals, for implementation in May 2022, to issue the Programme Survey Questionnaire to all registered Students and to run a more extensive pilot of the Module Survey Questionnaire providing the opportunity for Programme Chairpersons to voluntarily opt in modules. Academic Council endorsed the recommendations of the AQAEC as follows:

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- ◦ Continue the development of the proposed new Student Feedback System and consider a number of suggestions.
- ◦ Implement a second larger pilot at the end of this semester and provide an option for module lecturers to volunteer their module(s) to be included in the module survey (2nd larger pilot).
- ◦ Continue consultation with social partners.