

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

Meeting 18: 11.00am on Tuesday 4th October 2022 *via Microsoft Teams and in the Synergy Centre, Tallaght*

Present: David FitzPatrick (Chairperson), Mary Meaney (Registrar), Brian Bowe, Bairbre Brennan, Antonio Cafolla, Ken Carroll, Adam Clarke, James Curtin, James Curry, Saoirse Daly, Dominic Dillane, Fionnuala Darby, John Doran, Ray English, Jennifer Farrell, Gerard Farrelly, Sharon Feeney, Brian Gormley, Anthony Grennan, Assumpta Harvey, Sylvia Healy, Elizabeth Heffernan, Brendan Jennings, Brian Jordan, Siobhán Killion, Eoin Langan, Maev Maguire, Orla McDonagh, Mark McGrath, Tara McKiernan, Fintan Moran, Tom Mulvey, Brian Murray, Brian Murphy, Sue Norton, Isobel O'Reilly, Philip Owende, Pramod Pathak, Jessica Perez, Tara Rooney, Mary Scally, Maureen Walsh

Apologies: Bridget Gleeson, Fabian McGrath

Secretariat: Bronagh Lowe

Documents circulated:

Agenda	
Item 2	Draft Minutes of meeting held on 22/06/22
Item 3(a)	Academic Calendar Working Group membership
Item 5 (a)	Exam results/Ratification of Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Arts and Tourism (ii) Business (iii) Sciences and Health (iv) Engineering and Built Environment (v) Blanchardstown (vi) Tallaght (vii) Graduate Research School Board
Item 5 (b)	Student Academic Excellence Awards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Arts & Tourism (ii) Business (iii) Blanchardstown (iv) Engineering and Built Environment (v) Sciences and Health
Item 6 (a)	Academic Council and its Committees Student Union Representatives 2022/2023
Item 6 (c)	Draft Student Academic Excellence Awards Process

Ref	Item	Action (including Action Owner & Timeline)
18/1	Apologies Apologies were recorded.	NOTED
18/2	Draft minutes of previous meeting Draft minutes of the meeting held on 22 nd June 2022 were approved.	APPROVED
18/3	Matters arising (a) Academic Calendar Working Group membership The membership of the Academic Calendar Working Group was noted.	NOTED

	<p>(b) Item 17/7 - Academic Council and its Committees A concern was raised in relation to the delay in setting up Faculty Boards to align with the new Faculty structure and it was agreed that an update on progress should be brought forward to the next meeting.</p>	<p>UPDATE ON FACULTY BOARD PROGRESS TO BE BROUGHT FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING</p>
18/4	<p>CINNTE Review Update B. Bowe outlined a presentation in relation to the above item including a summary of the main commendations/recommendations included in the CINNTE Review Panel's report.</p> <p>(a) Report - See QQI CINNTE Quality Review 2021 TU Dublin</p> <p>(b) Action Plan It was noted that a draft of the University Quality's Action Plan in response to the CINNTE Review report has been circulated to Action Owners and that it is intended to submit the QAP to QQI in November.</p> <p>It was also noted that the QAP will require approval by University Executive Team and Academic Council.</p> <p>Due to the timing of the next meeting of Academic Council which is after the November submission date it was agreed that the QAP should be circulated to members for feedback and that Chair's action could be taken to approve the document.</p> <p>The approved Quality Action Plan will be made available on the TU Dublin Intranet and updated regularly and will also be brought forward to the next meeting for noting.</p>	<p>NOTED</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>CHAIR'S ACTION TO BE TAKEN TO APPROVE QAP</p> <p>BRING FORWARD TO NEXT MEETING FOR NOTING</p>
18/5	<p>Examination Results/Awards</p> <p>(a) Ratification of Awards Academic Council ratified examination results and awards submitted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Arts and Tourism (ii) Business (iii) Sciences and Health (iv) Engineering and Built Environment (v) Blanchardstown (vi) Tallaght (vii) Graduate Research School Board <p>One Academic Council member raised a concern about the outcome of an investigation into a specific case of plagiarism. However, it was noted that the investigation was carried out as per the approved procedures.</p> <p>(b) Student Academic Excellence Awards Academic Council noted the approval in respect of Student Academic Excellence Awards submitted as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Arts & Tourism (ii) Business (iii) Blanchardstown (iv) Engineering and Built Environment (v) Sciences and Health 	<p>RATIFIED</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>NOTED</p>
18/6	<p>Academic Council and its Committees</p> <p>(a) Academic Council and its Committees Student Union Representatives 2022/2023 Academic Council noted the Student Union representatives on Academic Council for 2022/2023 as approved by Governing Body at its meeting on</p>	<p>NOTED</p>

	<p>24th August 2022.</p> <p>Academic Council noted and approved the Student Union Representatives on Academic Council Sub Committees for 2022/2023.</p> <p>(b) Approved Minutes The following approved minutes of Academic Council Sub Committees were noted:</p> <p>(i) University Programmes Board (24/05/22): https://www.tudublin.ie/intranet/academic-council/university-programmes-board/</p> <p>(ii) Academic Quality Assurance & Enhancement Committee (10/05/22): https://www.tudublin.ie/intranet/academic-council/aqaec/</p> <p>(d) Recommendations to Academic Council for approval of Policy Dr K. Carroll outlined a presentation in relation to the draft Student Academic Excellence Awards Process.</p> <p>Academic Council approved, in principle, the recommendation of its Sub Committee for approval of the following draft unified Policy, as a working document, subject to amendment based on feedback received.</p> <p>(iii) Academic Regulations, Policies and Procedures Oversight Committee</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Draft Student Academic Excellence Awards Process <p>It was agreed that a revised document, incorporating feedback received, should be brought forward to the next meeting for noting.</p>	<p>NOTED & APPROVED</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>NOTED</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION RE APPROVAL OF POLICY, IN PRINCIPLE</p> <p>REVISED DOCUMENT TO BE BROUGHT BACK TO NEXT MEETING</p>
18/7	<p>Any other business Day of Academic Council meetings It was noted that, as previously agreed, meetings of Academic Council should normally be scheduled for Wednesdays at 11am.</p> <p>With regard to the current academic year it was noted that 2 meetings have been scheduled for Tuesdays, on an exceptional basis, due to timing issues around the ratification of awards to facilitate planning for Graduations.</p>	<p>NOTED</p>
	<p><u>Date of next meeting: 11.00am on Wednesday 7th December 2022</u> <u>Venue: Aungier Street (Room 5050)</u></p>	

SIGNED

 Professor David FitzPatrick
 President
 CHAIRPERSON

DATE: 7TH DECEMBER 2022