

Academic Council

Summary of Meeting held on 28 February 2024

1.	<p>Ratification of Awards:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) Faculty of Arts and Humanities (ii) Faculty of Business (iii) Faculty of Computing, Digital and Data (iv) Faculty of Engineering and Built Environment (v) Faculty of Sciences and Health (vi) Graduate Research School Board
2.	<p>Recommendations to Academic Council for approval of Policies Academic Council approved the following documents:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Micro-credentials Proposal It was agreed that the text highlighted in red in the above policy should be added to the TU Dublin Award Framework and Nomenclature Policy. It was noted that Special Purpose Awards and Supplemental Awards of 5, 10 and 15 ECTS credits will be phased out in preference for Micro-credentials. Schools may apply to re-designate existing awards as Micro-credentials through a streamlined process which should be completed by June 2025. • Elite Athlete Academic Flexibility Policy and Guidelines
3.	<p>Policy for discussion & feedback - Granulated GPA Model There was an extensive discussion in relation to the proposal for a Granulated GPA Model as outlined in the document. Academic Council was supportive of the introduction of a Granulated GPA Model for TU Dublin with further details of the Model to be developed. It was agreed that a specific proposal should be brought forward to the next meeting on 1 May for approval.</p>
4.	<p>Academic Calendar</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Academic Calendar 2024/2025 Academic Council approved the Academic Calendar 2024/2025. The Academic Calendar will now be published on the website at https://www.tudublin.ie/explore/university-calendar/ (b) Academic Calendar 2025/2026 to 2028/2029 Academic Council noted the document outlining a draft proposed model of academic calendars over a 5-year period from 2025/2026 to 2028/2029 as outlined by the Registrar. It was noted that the main changes to the revised structure of the calendar are the earlier teaching commencement dates in Semesters 1 and 2 and the scheduling of all Semester 1 assessments before the Winter break. It was agreed that a review of the University's approach to Assessment, including the volume and format of assessments, should take place in tandem with the introduction of an academic calendar with a revised structure.

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	Academic Council was supportive of the proposed model outlined in the 5-year academic calendar document and agreed that a proposal should be brought forward to the next meeting on 1 May for approval.
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