

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday 12 June 2002

2.00-4.00 p.m. in AG01

PRESENT:

P Barker	M Henry	A Pratt
D Beirne	B Kehoe	B Quilty
P Brereton	P Kinsella	W Richardson
J Bruton	M Mac Conmara	H Ruskin
F Buckley	L Mac Gabhann	M Ryan
A Burke	K MacKeogh	T Ryan
J Burzloff	L McDermott	R Saunders
D Cameron	C McDonagh	R Scaife
J Carroll	P McGee	A Scott
E Cassidy	E McGlynn	M Shine Thompson
F Corcoran	B McMullin	A Sinnott
E Cunningham	B Murphy	M Smyth
J Dowling	G Murphy	M Szecsi
J Doyle	J Murray	D Turley
O Finlayson	S Ní Mhaolrúnaigh	J Van Genabith
R Forster	C Nic Phóidín	F von Prondzynski (Chairman)
A N Glynn	B O'Connor	P Walsh
S Hashmi	B Pierce	A Wickham

APOLOGIES:

P Burke	C Mac Murchaidh	C Ó h Ógartaigh
B Carter	S McGovern	P Preston
M Clynes	B McNamara	P Sheehan
E Holt	T Madigan	A Smeaton
G Keogh	K Monks	B Trench
E Kennedy	T Moynihan	S Wickham
B Leavy	E O'Connell	J Williams
L Looney	N O'Connor	A D Wood
L Mac Mathúna	R O'Connor	

OBSERVER: G Barry

Action**1. Adoption of agenda**

The agenda was adopted subject to a change to Item 11 (Report on single module pilot), which was dealt with and not deferred to the meeting of 9 October 2002.

2. Minutes of the meeting of Academic Council of 10 April 2002

The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of Academic Council**3.1 CHIU joint universities initiative on foundation/access programmes (Item 3.1 of meeting of 13 February 2002)**

The Chairman is to provide further information on this initiative when it becomes available.

3.2 Policy on plagiarism (Item 3.2 of meeting of 13 February 2002)

This policy has been published, and will be reviewed by Academic Council in 2003.

3.3 Personal tutor system (Item 8 of meeting of 13 February 2002)

The Director of Student Affairs has submitted a report to Heads and Professors, and will submit a revised version to Academic Council for consideration at its meeting of 9 October 2002.

3.4 Post-examination information to be amended and published (Item 8 of meeting of 10 April 2002)

The Registrar reported that this information had now been amended and published, and arrangements were being made within Schools for student consultations with staff on 1 and 2 July.

3.5 Student members of Programme Boards: support to be offered to Students' Union on training of class representatives (Item 13 of meeting of 10 April 2002)

The Registrar reported that she would be involved in providing training for class representatives at the beginning of the academic year 2002-03.

4. Minutes of meetings of Academic Council Standing Committee**4.1 Minutes 4 April 2002**

Noted and approved.

4.2 Minutes 30 April 2002

Noted and approved.

4.3 Minutes 6 June 2002

Noted and approved.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of Standing Committee**5.1 Approval of direct registration on to the PhD register in certain cases
(Item 3 of meeting of 4 April 2002)**

Academic Council approved the proposal to permit direct registration to the PhD register for students with a taught Master's, under certain conditions. The regulations will be amended accordingly. Academic Council thanked Dr Rory O'Connor for his work on this issue.

**5.2 Termination of the Graduate Certificate/Graduate Diploma/MSc in
Computer Applications for Education
(Item 4.3 of meeting of 4 April 2002)**

Academic Council approved the formal termination of this programme, which had been successfully run for the period during which there had been a demand. Academic Council thanked Ms Margaret Farren and Professor Heather Ruskin for the work they had done in relation to this programme.

**5.3 Guide to examiners on FoI
(Item 3.2 of meeting of 30 April 2002)**

The Registrar noted that the *Guide* had been issued to all examiners.

**5.4 Proposal for system of half-degree programmes for DCU
(Item 10 of meeting of 6 June 2002)**

Academic Council agreed this proposal in principle. Programme Boards interested in offering this facility should liaise with the Registrar.

6. Validation recommendations

6.1 Postgraduate Diploma/MSc in Business (DCU Business School)

Approved.

6.2 BA in Languages for International Communications (SALIS)

Approved. Concern was expressed at the high cost of living encountered by students who spend Year 3 in Japan. It was noted that problems of this kind were being addressed in the discussions arising from the Bologna Declaration. It was agreed that Professor Carroll would brief the Chairman on the funding formulae used in the distribution of ERASMUS/SOCRATES grants.

Professor Carroll

6.3 Certificate in Equality Studies (DCU Business School)

Approved.

7. Accreditation recommendations

**7.1 BSc i bhFiontraíocht le Ríomhaireacht/Gaeilge Fheidhmeach
(BSc in Entrepreneurship with Computing/Applied Irish)
(Fiontar)**

Approved.

7.2 MA in Globalisation (DCU Business School)

Approved.

7.3 MA in Cross-border Studies (DCU Business School)

Approved.

7.4 Reaccreditation of existing programmes:

- **MA in Humanities (Music) - St Patrick's College**
- **Bachelor of Nursing Studies**
- **BSc in Multimedia**
- **BA in Journalism**
- **BA in Communication Studies**
- **Graduate Diploma/MSc in Nursing (to add two pathways:
Acute Mental Health and Community Mental Health)**

Approved. It was noted that, in all cases, the recommendations of the Accreditation Panel had been incorporated.

**7.5 Graduate Diploma/MA in Humanities: Holistic Development
(All Hallows College)**

Approved.

**7.6 MA in Management: Pastoral and Voluntary Services
(All Hallows College)**

Approved.

The Chairman and the Registrar thanked all those who had been involved in these accreditations/reaccreditations for the work they had done.

8. Nomination of Academic Council members to Academic Promotions Committee

Professor Martin Henry and Professor David Jacobson had been nominated. It was agreed that they would both be appointed to the Committee for a term of three years.

9. INTRA report

Approved. It was agreed that it would be preferable to present this report to Academic Council earlier in the year, and preferably at the February meeting.

The Director of IBR reported that the survey of student opinion of INTRA was being conducted.

The Chairman thanked the Director and IBR staff for their work in organising INTRA.

10. Reports from Research Committee and Research Advisory Panel

Noted and approved. Professor Forster, outgoing Dean of Research (Acting), expressed thanks to the Research Advisory Panel and to Professor Conor Long, the former Dean of Research, for the support they had given him. The Chairman, in turn, thanked Professor Forster for his contribution while in office.

11. Report on single module pilot

Noted and approved. The Registrar requested expressions of interest, and confirmed that all modules proposed would be included in an advertisement to appear during the summer.

12. University structures

A discussion took place on the proposed new structures. These do not, as yet, include reference to Academic Council. The Chairman said that proposals relating to the composition of Academic Council, and the future of Programme Boards, would be submitted for discussion at the meeting of 9 October 2002.

13. Any other business

Following a query from Mr Kinsella, it was agreed to place on the agenda of a future meeting of Academic Council the question of how the University deals with medical certificates submitted by students. Mr Kinsella will prepare a short paper outlining the issues.

Mr Kinsella

Date of next meeting:

**Wednesday 9 October 2002
2.00 p.m. in AG01**

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date _____