

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

Wednesday 14 April 2004

2.00-2.50 p.m. in AG01

PRESENT:

F Blin
P Brereton
J Bruton
J Burzlaff
M Byrne
J Carroll
F Corcoran
E Cunningham
J Dowling
J Doyle
H Duncan
A Friedrich
M Gannon
K Griffin

S Hashmi
J Horgan
E Kennedy
J Kerrane
A Matthews
L McDermott
B McDonald
M Molony
A Morrissey
P Ó Flatharta
C Ó hÓgartaigh
B Pierce
A Pratt

B Quilty
B Richardson
M Roantree
M Ryan
R Saunders
R Scaife
D Sinclair
M Slowey (Chairperson)
T Szecsi
P Walsh
X Wang
A Wickham
M Winters

APOLOGIES:

D Beirne
F Buckley
G Carty
M Duffy
R Elgie
B Flood
E Guilfoyle
M Henry
B Kehoe
A Leahy

B Leavy
B Le Juez
P Mac Neela
E McGlynn
K Monks
D Morris
S Ní Mhaolrúnaigh
E O'Connell
P Preston

A Scott
P Sheehan
M Smyth
B Stenson
B Trench
F von Prondzynski
R Walshe
J Williams
P Willis

OBSERVER:

G Barry

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the deferral of Item 7.3 to the meeting of Academic Council of 9 June 2004.

2. Minutes of the meeting of Academic Council of 18 February 2004

The minutes were confirmed, subject to the inclusion of the name of Dr Bríd Quilty in the list of those in attendance, and signed by the Chairperson.

3. Matters arising from the minutes of Academic Council

All matters arising were noted.

In relation to Item 3, it was noted that, pending the review of *Marks and Standards*, efforts would continue to be made by Programme Boards to minimise the difficulties that can arise for students who may be unsure whether or not to repeat an examination following the publication of a provisional result in respect of the original examination (since provisional results cannot be appealed under the current regulations). It was further noted that work on the revision of *Marks and Standards* was needed and would be taken up by the Working Group on Modularisation.

4. Minutes of meetings of Academic Council Standing Committee**4.1 Minutes 4 February 2004**

Noted and approved.

4.2 Minutes 4 March 2004

Noted and approved subject to the substitution, in Item 9, Proposal on requirements for English-language competency, that the term 'through to A-Level standard' should be replaced either by a generic reference to international matriculation standards or to the equivalent educational level in the Irish education system.

Noted that the term 'Faculty Boards for Research Degrees' had been altered to 'Faculty Awards Boards for Research Degrees'.

5. Matters arising from the minutes of Standing Committee

All matters arising were noted.

6. Validation recommendations:

6.1 Doctorate of Business Administration (Dublin City University Business School)

Approved.

6.2 Doctorate in Education (Primary Education) (St Patrick's College)

Noted that, if the allocation of ECTS credits is deemed appropriate at doctoral level, the scale of credit may need to be reviewed.

Approved subject to the amendment that the suggestion of establishing a Steering Group with representation from DCU and Mater Dei Institute of Education become a recommendation.

6.3 Graduate Certificate in the Education of Pupils with Autistic Spectrum Disorders (St Patrick's College)

Approved.

7. Accreditation recommendations

7.1 Graduate Certificate/Graduate Diploma/MSc in Prevention in Primary Care (School of Nursing)

Noted that, since the printing of the agenda for the present meeting, a change to the title of this programme had been proposed to, and approved by, the members of the Accreditation Board. This title is:

Graduate Certificate in Health Promotion in Primary Care
leading to
Graduate Diploma/MSc in Prevention in Primary Care (Cancer Prevention).

The accreditation recommendations, including the new title, were approved.

**7.2 Teastas/Di pl ma do Ch imithe/MA sa Chleachtas D theangach
Graduate Certificate/Graduate Diploma/MA in Bilingual Practice
(Fiontar)**

Approved.

**7.3 BA in Languages for International Communication
(addition of English strand)
(School of Applied Language and Intercultural Studies)**

Deferred to the meeting of Academic Council of 9 June 2004.

8. Report from Appeals Board

Noted.

9. Progress on key strategic issues

Noted that there would be opportunities, at future meetings of Academic Council, for further discussion of the issues referred to in the document.

10. Any other business

None.

Date of next meeting:

<p>Wednesday 9 June 2004 2.00 p.m. in AG01</p>

Signed: _____
Chairman

Date: _____