

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday 28 June 2010

2.00-2.15 p.m. in AG01

PRESENT:

A Armstrong
F Blin
O Bree
C Brennan
P Brereton
J Bruton
C Byrne
J Carroll
B Daly
J Dowling
N Gathergood

J Geraghty
G Hughes
B Kelly
S Knowlton
C Mac an Bhaird
L McDermott (Secretary)
C McGonagle
A McGrady
P McMorrow
P Meleady
M Munro

N Murphy
M Nic Giolla Mhichíl
C Nic Pháidín
E O’Riordan
A Pearson Evans
D Sinclair
M Smyth (Chair)
S Wickham
P Willis
C Woods

APOLOGIES:

S-J Belton
B Casey
J Costello
T Draper
P Flood
J Fox
E Guilfoyle
S Hashmi
L Hourihane
M Irwin-Bannon
D Jacobson
M Kelly
A Leahy
C Long

L Looney
C Loscher
B McConalogue
C McDonagh
I McGlynn
S McGovern
J McKenna
D McMullin
C Mac Murchaidh
P McNamara
A Moran
K Moran
G Murphy
D O’Gorman

R O’Kennedy
A-G Olabi
B Pierce
A Scott
M Shine Thompson
A Sinnott
M Slowey
A Stover
T Szecsi
R Tobin
F von Prondzynski
J Williams
P Young

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to the transfer of Item 7 from Section C to Section B and the inclusion of one submission under Item 9.

A: Minutes and related issues**2. Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council of 9 June 2010**

The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising

3.1 The Chair noted that the issues at Items 3.3 (talks with the National University of Ireland, Maynooth and the Royal College of Surgeons in Ireland), 3.4 (the Strategic Review of Higher Education), 8.3 (the internationalisation strategy) and 8.4 (INTRA) would need further discussion by the Council in the academic year 2010-11.

3.2 Noted that the conference entitled *Re-Inventing the University – Creating a New Vision* had taken place in the university on 15 and 16 June 2010. (Item 3.4)

3.3 Noted that the Strategic Plan 2010-12 had been launched on 22 June 2010. (Item 6.2)

3.4 Noted that the Daniel O’Hare research scholarships had been advertised on 18 June 2010. (Item 7.6)

3.5 Noted that a list of the membership of the Research Advisory Panel would shortly be circulated to the members of the Council. (Item 7.7)

3.6 Noted that the actions agreed by the Council in respect of Progression and Awards Boards had been carried out, that the Boards themselves had met in the week beginning 21 June 2010 and that issues had emerged from the meetings. (Item 10)

3.7 Noted that, in line with one of the recommendations of the Accreditation Board which met on 14 May 2010, the proposed new Level 8 programme which had originally been entitled ‘BSc in Health Studies’ is now to be called ‘BSc in Health and Society’. (Item 12.1)

4. Minutes of the meetings of the University Standards Committee of 1 April 2010 and 3 June 2010

Approved.

4.1. Minutes of the meetings of the Graduate Studies Board of 4 March 2010 and 6 May 2010

Approved.

B: Policy and strategy issues

5. President's report

As the President was not present, no report was made.

6. Request to award an *aegrotat* degree

The proposal to award an *aegrotat* degree (BSc in Computer Applications) to a student was made by Dr David Sinclair and seconded by Mr Cillian Byrne. It was approved.

7. Examination and Progression and Awards Boards reports, Summer 2010

Approved.

C. Items for formal approval/noting

8. Accreditation recommendations

8.1 MA in Ecology and Religion

Approved.

8.2 MA in Sexuality Studies

Approved.

9. Any other business

Noted that a slightly revised version of the procedures relating to due diligence, to be used when partnership with another organisation is planned, had been approved by the Education Committee on 25 June 2010. The changes were made with a view to streamlining the procedures and do not involve matters of substance. The revised version will shortly be available on line under 'Policies and Procedures'.

Date of next meeting:

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| <p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 13 October 2010 2.00 p.m. in AG01</p> |
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Signed: _____
President

Date: _____