Dublin City University
Civic Engagement Forum

Minutes

Meeting of the DCU Civic Engagement Forum at 10.00 am on Tuesday 9th February 2016 in DG11 – Bea Orpen Building.

Attendance:
Deiric Ó Broin (Chairperson), Ailbhe Garvey, Alan Kearns, Christine Ó Kelly, Danielle Montgomery, Esther Murphy, Joanna Ozarowska, Kim Sweeney. Maria Slowey, Natalja Matease, Ronnie Munck and Una Redmond.

Apologies:
Aisling McKenna, Cathy McLoughlin, Pauline Willis, Susan Hawkins and William Kelly.

1. Minutes & Matters arising
   • Deiric Ó Broin to circulate Minutes of the previous meeting.
   • Danielle Montgomery to follow up with Bernadette Dalton (External & Strategic Affairs) re: the nominee from the Church of Ireland College of Education

2. Reports and Updates
   • DCU Public Engagement Survey – Ronnie Munck
     The Survey was sent out by VP for External and Strategic Affairs, Trevor Holmes on 5th February 2016. It is looking to map the extent of DCU's external engagement so as create a baseline and then build this area of work.
   • 1916 Centenary Celebrations - Deiric Ó Broin
     University’s diary of events 2016 will be printed next week
   • DCU Volunteering Programme – Ailbhe Garvey and Kim Sweeney
     -DCU in the Community have been involved in setting up a national database of volunteering Studentvolunteer.ie which is a new easy to use, one-stop-shop portal connecting higher education students with civil society organisation volunteering opportunities.
     -Student Union will have a new Vice President for Development Engagement
   • Volunteering Fair 2016 - higher fees for space are expected due to the forthcoming closure of the HUB.
3. President’s Award for Engagement 2016

Deiric Ó Broin and Ronnie Munck outlined the current status and key details of the event and the following was noted and agreed:

- 12th February 2016 – Call for Nominations
- 18th March 2016 – Deadline for receipt of nominations
- 25th April 2016 - President’s Award for Engagement 2016
- The Nomination Form, Criteria and Awards are the same as previous year (Deiric Ó Broin to circulate a criteria to all Civic Engagement Forum members)
- Proposed Adjudication Panel: Sheelagh Wickham, Aisling McKenna, Paul Rodgers (an external member from Tolka Area Partnership), Cathy McLoughlin and a Student Representative (Kim Sweeney to confirm the name)

4. AOB

4.1 Maria Slowey introduced Dr Esther Murphy and briefed the meeting on the following forthcoming events:

- UNIBILITY Project & meeting in Vienna in May 2016
- Higher Education Reform Workshop, 7-9th September 2016

Details of the above events will be circulated to the committee.

4.2 It was agreed that the next meeting of Forum will take place in DCU on:

- Tuesday 12th April 2016