

Quality Promotion Committee Meeting
11.00am – 12.00pm
Wednesday 23rd June 2021
Zoom Online Conference Call
Minutes

Attending: Anne Sinnott (Chair), Aisling McKenna, Goretti Daughton, Karsten Fleischer, Enda McGlynn, Annabella Stover, Margaret Heffernan, Monica Ward, Jennifer O'Halloran, Fiona Brennan, Orla Nic Aodha, Deirdre Nic Mhathúna, Nuala Lonergan, Aisling Twohill, Cora O'Farrell, Justin Doyle, Gabriel Munetan, Celine Heffernan, Fiona Dwyer (Recording Secretary).

- 1 **Apologies:** Alan Mangan, Claire Gubbins, Billy Kelly, Paula Murphy, Marie O' Flanagan, Dylan Mangan, Lucien Waugh Daly,
- 2 **Adoption of Agenda** – The agenda approved with no changes.
- 3 **Minutes of meeting held 19th May 2021** – The minutes of the previous meeting were adopted with no changes
- 4 **Matters arising** - all updates to be discussed within the Agenda of the meeting.
- 5 **Quality Review Updates**
AMK provided an overview of the review status as follows:

Human Resources (HR)

- It was noted that the Quality Improvement Plan is now finalised
- It was noted that progress is ongoing to refine the proposals for prioritised funding with QPC Subgroup
- It was noted that the summary report is ready for submission to Governing Authority

Registry

- It was noted that the Follow-up Meeting has been arranged for 3rd June 2021.
- It was noted that the Prioritised spending requirements are finalised by QPC Subgroup
- It was noted that the Summary report is ready for submission to Governing Authority

Digital Learning Review

- It was noted that the Quality improvement planning is ongoing.

Action 1: Aisling will provide an update at the September meeting

Information Systems and Support (ISS)

- It was noted that the Draft PRG report is currently being checked for factual accuracy by ISS and a follow-up meeting with the Chair of the Quality Review will take place this week.
- It was noted that the Quality Improvement Planning phase is now underway

Finance Office

- It was noted that the Draft Peer Group Report is due to QPO on 21st June 2021.
- It was noted that the Quality Improvement Planning phase is now underway
- Thank you was extended to Fiona Brennan for acting as Rapporteur on this review.
- Feedback noted from the Peer Review Team found that the timing on the final day is very challenging especially trying to pull together the Exit Presentation. A group discussion took place and QPO members suggested a model on brief feedback with the importance of providing external recognition to all area staff. It was suggested that there would be less focus on the high level of details on the Peer Group Recommendations. It was suggested that the QPO establish and set expectations for the Peer Review Team about the role the Exit Presentation plays.

Action: Revision of expectations on Exit Presentation to peer review group and areas under review. QPO to update Background & Guidelines document and Notebook.

Estates Office

- It was noted that recruitment of the Peer Review Group has been complete
- It was noted that continuing liaison regarding development of Self-Assessment Report is ongoing.

Faculty of Science & Health

- It was noted that Quality Review dates have been confirmed for 17th - 20th May 2022.
- It was noted that the QPO are awaiting the Peer Group nominations form.
- It was noted that continuing liaison regarding development of Self-Assessment Report is ongoing.

Dundalk Institute of Technology

- It was noted that a review of graduate research provision in Dundalk Institute of Technology, is anticipated to take place in January 2022. QPO will update QPC on this at the next meeting.

2021/2022 Reviews

- It was noted that the Institute of Education quality review visit date is on hold as the Faculty are waiting on confirmation from the Teaching Council re accreditation review dates. The QPO would like the review visit dates modelled to support the accreditation process, this will be discussed with the Dean post August 2021.

Studentsurvey.ie – 2021 High Level Overview Presentation

- AMcKenna provided an Overview Presentation on Studentsurvey.ie in particular results during Covid 19.

Action: AMcKenna will circulate the slides to QPC members.

QQI Principles for Professional Engagements with Education Providers Document

AMcKenna gave a brief overview of the basis and consultation that has led to the proposed QQI Principles for Professional Engagements with Education Providers. It was noted that the key aim of this document is to support a complementary approach by higher education institutions and Professional, Regulatory and Statutory Bodies (PRSBs) in relation to programme review

and accreditation. It was noted that the principles in this document are informed by the joint Universities Australia and Professions Australia Joint Statement of Principles for Professional Accreditation. It was noted that the QQI Principles will be discussed and endorsed by Education Committee in September 2021, and feedback from QPC will be inputting into this meeting. It was noted that the new Principles may provide an opportunity for DCU to review the scope internal programme accreditation processes, particularly for programmes that will seek professional body accreditation. It was noted that professional accreditation standards and expectations are often fixed, with little room for institutions to flexibly navigate accreditation requirements based on approaches to teaching and learning that may be unique to individual institutions. It was noted that a key goal of DCU's engagement with the Principles could be to reduce bureaucratic burden in meeting the needs of between external and internal processes. It was noted that there may be limited opportunity for institutions to leverage their institutional autonomy within the context of PRSB engagement, particularly in preparing students for professions where accreditation is a professional requirement, e.g. the Teaching Council.

Staff-Student Forums 2020/21

CH will provide an overview of the Staff Student Forums at the September meeting.

QPO Activity Report (May – June 2021)

The committee received a detailed update of QPO activities covering the period of May to June 2021.

AOB – None

The next meeting will be held on the 15th September 2021