

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

22 June 2015

2.10 – 3.10p.m. in AG01

PRESENT:

C. Bohan
M. Brown
J. Bruen
J. Brunton
J. Carroll
B. Corcoran
J. Costello
E. Costello
Y. Crotty
R. Devery
J. Dowling

P. Flynn
S. Fox
M. Gannon
E. Guilfoyle (Chair)
M. Irwin-Bannon (Secretary)
W. Kelly
D. Kenny
L. Looney
C. MacMurchaidh
A. Matthews
S. McGovern

P. McMorrow
D. Molloy
M. Nic Giolla Mhichíl
K. Nolan
R. O'Connor
S. O'Neill
J. Rami
J. Stokes
A. Stover
X. Wang
P Willis

APOLOGIES:

S. Belton
M. Brennan
C. Brennan
M. Byrne
K. Casey
J. Donoghue
J. Doyle

G. Foley
P. Landais
A. Lodge
B. MacCraith (President)
C. McDonagh
A. McGrady
C. Ó Ciardubháin

P. Ó Duibhir
J. O'Hara
A. O'Regan
A. Sinnott
M R Sweeney
A. Way

IN ATTENDANCE

A McKenna (for Item 8)

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

A: Minutes and related issues**2. Minutes of the meeting of Academic Council of 10 June 2015**

The minutes of 10 June 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Minutes of the meetings of the Education Committee of 6 May 2015 and 3 June 2015

The minutes were approved.

5. Minutes of the meeting of the University Standards Committee of 28 May 2015

The minutes were approved.

B: Policy and strategy issues**6. President's report**

This item was deferred to the meeting of 7 October 2015.

7. Proposed amendments to Marks and Standards

It was noted that the proposed changes to Marks and Standards had been made in response to a recommendation made by the Internal Auditor to integrate the Frequently Asked Questions document with Marks and Standards, where appropriate. In addition, some formatting and minor amendments related to the merging of some sections had also been completed.

Marks and Standards 2015-2016 were approved.

8. Presentation by Ms. Aisling McKenna on Irish Survey of Student Engagement (ISSE)

In the presentation on the outcomes of the Irish Survey of Student Engagement 2015, the following points were noted:

- The DCU response rate to the survey has improved, up from 1000 (15%) to 1600 responses (26%). This has been attributed to the incentives which were offered to students, the presence of the survey on Loop and the pro-active support from the Student's Union.
- The consolidation of the last three years' of ISSE data will enable deeper analysis at Faculty level, and potentially, School level.
- Programme level information is currently being grouped together to contribute to the student feedback element of Annual and Periodic Programme Review process.
- The text-based responses have been provided to Executive Deans and Associate Deans for Teaching and Learning/Education.

9. Presentation by Prof. Eithne Guilfoyle on Incorporation, Student Experience Workstream

Professor Eithne Guilfoyle presented on the background, milestones achieved to date, and the immediate and longer term priorities of the Student Experience Workstream, drawing attention in particular to the following:

- The key milestone in 2015 is the registration as DCU students of all incoming St. Patrick's College and Mater Dei Institute first years in September 2015.
- The key milestone in 2016 is the registration of all students from incoming institutions as DCU students.

- There are approximately 250 milestones to be achieved by the Student Experience Workstream over the life of the Incorporation Project.
- Intensive work is taking place in all units immediately impacted by Incorporation to ensure that systems, procedures and policies are in place to accommodate the changes required.
- From September 2015 a range of Student Support and Development services will be offered to all students including continuing St. Patrick's College and Mater Dei Institute students on both the Glasnevin and St. Patrick's campus.
- A front-facing Registry service will also be offered on St. Patrick's campus.
- Planning is underway for full integration for September 2016.

Congratulations were extended to those involved in the Student Experience Workstream for the level and complexity of work completed to date.

C: Items for formal approval/noting

10. Examination and Progression and Awards Boards reports, summer 2015

Approved.

11. Student Code of Conduct and Code of Discipline

Noted.

12. Any other business

There were no items.

Date of next meeting:

**Wednesday, 7 October 2015
2.00 p.m. in AG01**

Signed: _____
President

Date: _____