

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

Monday 23 June 2008

2.00-2.15 p.m. in AG01

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

The Chair informed the Council that the Registrar/VPLI was absent owing to her attendance at IUA meetings.

A: Minutes and related issues

2. Minutes of the meeting of the Academic Council of 11 June 2008

The minutes were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising

None.

4. Minutes of the meeting of the University Standards Committee of 5 June 2008

Approved. Noted that the reference in Item 5.1.4 should be to 'BSc in Science Education', not 'BSc in Science Communication'.

5. President's report

The Chair noted that, at the IUA Presidents' meeting, discussions were to be held about the funding of higher education over the coming years.

B: Policy and strategy issues**6. Proposal on *aegrotat* award**

Approved.

C: Items for formal approval/noting**7. Accreditation recommendation: addition of a pathway in Choral Conducting on the Inservice Certificate and Diploma in Education, St Patrick's College**

Approved.

8. Examination and Progression and Awards Boards reports, Summer 2008

Approved. Noted that a small number of Progression and Awards Boards meetings remained to be held and that the outcome of these would be notified to the Council.

9. Any other business

a. Noted that some issues had arisen at Progression and Awards Boards which would require discussion and decision by the University Standards Committee, with recommendations to Academic Council ensuing.

b. The Chair noted that Dr Pat Burke of the English Department in St Patrick's College would not be a member of the Council henceforth because he was about to retire. On behalf of the Council, he expressed appreciation for Dr Burke's contribution to the work of the Council over a number of years and wished him well in his future endeavours.

Date of next meeting:

<p style="text-align: center;">Wednesday 15 October 2008 2.00 p.m. in AG01</p>
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Signed: _____
President

Date: _____