

ACADEMIC COUNCIL

MINUTES

13 April 2016

2.00 – 3.10 pm in AG01

PRESENT:

C. Bohan
M. Brennan
P. Brereton
J. Bruton
J. Carroll
J. Costello
Y. Crotty
P. Davis
H. Esmonde
G. Foley
J. Gallen
E. Guilfoyle (Chair)
M. Irwin-Bannon (Secretary)
G. Jones

B. Kelly
D. Kenny
A. Lodge
T. Lynn
C. MacMurchaidh
A. Matthews
E. McGlynn
A. McGrady
A. McKenna
P. McMorrow
B. McMullin
G. Murphy
B. Nolan
C. Ó Ciardubháin

P. O'Duibhir
M. O'Brien
R. O'Connor
M. O'Hagan
E. O'Riordan
J. Rami
M. Roantree
A. Simon
S. Stan
J. Stokes
A. Stover
M R Sweeney
A. Way
P. Willis

APOLOGIES:

C. Brennan
M. Brown
M. Byrne
D. Collings
B. Corcoran
E. Costello

J. Doyle
P. Flynn
M. Helfert
P. Landais
B. MacCraith
K. McDonagh

C. McMullan
A. O'Regan
R. Sadleir
A. Sinnott

In attendance: D. Keogh, O. Duggan (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 February 2016**

The minutes of 10 February 2016 were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising

- 3.1 It was noted that a Working Group, which will be chaired by Ms. Pauline Willis, will consider the recommendations made in the Report of the Appeals Board for taught programmes for 2015 has been formed and will report back to Council at the beginning of the next academic year.

4. Minutes of the meetings of the Education Committee of 13 January 2016 and 17 February 2016

The minutes were approved.

5. Minutes of the meeting of the University Standards Committee of 14 January 2016 and 25 February 2016

The minutes were approved.

6. Minutes of the meetings of the Graduate Research Studies Board of 21 January 2016

The minutes were approved, subject to a correction on page 37, Item 6.6 and Item 6.7 should read 'MSc' rather than 'MA'.

7. President's report

This item was deferred.

8. Incorporation Update, presentation by Professor Daire Keogh

Professor Daire Keogh presented an overview on the status of the DCU Incorporation Programme to date noting that the project is currently in phase two of a three-phase roadmap for 2016.

In the discussion which followed the following queries and clarifications were noted:

- A meeting with the HEA was scheduled for 22 April 2016 where budgetary matters for the incorporated entity would be discussed.
- In response to a query on inter-campus travel, it was noted that it was intended that all efforts would be made with respect to the timetable to minimise the need to travel, however more will be known when the timetable is finalised and necessary arrangements would be put in place to provide a range of possible options.

The Chair thanked Professor Daire Keogh for his presentation.

9. Professional Development of Staff who Teach in Higher Education, presentation by Mr. Billy Kelly

In the presentation on professional development of staff who teach in Higher Education, Mr. Billy Kelly drew attention in particular to the following:

- The key aim of the National Forum for the enhancement of Teaching and Learning, which is funded by the HEA, is to create a professional development framework for those who teach in Higher Education.
- With the consultation phase complete, the work plan has moved on to Phase 2 which will see a first draft of institutional guidelines for the enhancement of teaching and learning circulated in late April followed by a pilot of the professional development and institutional guidelines in a selection of institutions from September 2016 onwards.

The Chair thanked Mr. Billy Kelly for his presentation.

C: Items for formal approval/noting

10. Quality Promotion Office Annual Report

Noted.

11. Proposed amendment to the Academic Calendar 2016/17

Approved

12. Report on INTRA Activities 2015

Noted.

13. Accreditation Report: BSc in Data Science

Approved

14. Any Other Business

There were no items.

Signed: _____
President

Date_____

Date of next meeting:

<p>Wednesday, 8 June 2016 2.00 p.m. in AG01</p>
