

ACADEMIC COUNCIL**MINUTES****17 June 2019****2.00 p.m. – 2:50 p.m.****AG01, DCU Glasnevin Campus****Present:**

S. Belton
C. Commons
M. Fitzpatrick
R. Gillanders
R. Keegan (Secretary)
J. Lovatt
A. McAuley
A. McKenna
E. McNulty
J-P. Mosnier
D. Nic Mhathúna
A. Parle-McDermott
A. Stalcup
B. White

J. Brunton
M. Crane
L. Fitzsimons
E. Guilfoyle (Chair)
B. Kelly
C. Mac Murchaidh
E. McDonald
D. McKeon
P. Mooney
G-M. Muntean
B. Nolan
M. Roantree
J. Stokes

M. Butler
E. Cunningham
Y. Freeney
A. Kearns
L. Looney
M. McAdam
G. McGuinness
J. McManis
E. Morgenroth
B. Ní Áingléis
R. O'Connor
G. Sinclair
J. Travers

Apologies:

F. Blin
J. Bruen
B. Corcoran
N. Dunne
C. Furlong
M. Helfert
G. Jones
A. Looney
I. McMenamin
D. Robbins

C. Bohan
J. Brunton
E. Costello
M. Farrelly
L. Gallagher
C. Holland
E. Kennedy
B. MacCraith
F. Murphy

M. Brown
D. Collings
S. Cullen
B. Flood
D. Hand
G. Hughes
D. Keogh
L. MacGabhann
J. Rami

In Attendance:

Ms. Karen Johnson (Item 7)

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted.

A. Minutes and related issues**2. Minutes of the meeting of Academic Council of 5 June 2019**

The minutes were approved and signed by the Chair.

3. Matters arising

There were no matters arising.

4. Minutes of the meetings of the Education Committee of 1 May 2019 and 29 May 2019

Approved

5. Minutes of the meeting of the University Standards Committee of 23 May 2019

Approved

B. Policy and strategy issues**6. President's report (oral report)**

There were no updates, as the President was unavailable to attend the meeting.

7. Presentation on the 2019 Irish Survey of Student Engagement (Taught) by Ms Karen Johnson

Ms Karen Johnson presented to Council on the high level outcomes from the Irish Survey of Student Engagement 2019 (taught). The following points were noted from the presentation:

- The response rate for DCU was 33%, representing 3,265 respondents.
- The overall ISSE response rate was 29% which was a 4% increase from last year.
- There are no standout differences between DCU responses and the overall ISSE responses and findings have been very stable over the past four years.
- In looking at DCU data specifically, the results have also been very stable over the same period.
 - o The quantitative reasoning indicator score which, while low, has increased year on year over the four-year period (from 18 to 20.7).
 - o The quality of interactions indicator score has also increased going from 36.2 to 38.3 over the four-year period.
 - o An additional question on whether students had considered withdrawing from their programme was added for 2019. 63.1% of respondents indicated 'no, I have not seriously considered withdrawing'. For those who indicated 'yes', the most common reason selected was 'for personal / health / or family reasons'.
 - o 82% of DCU respondents indicated that they would evaluate their entire education experience at this institution as good or excellent.
 - o 86% of DCU respondents indicated that they probably or definitely would go to the same institution if they could start all over again.
- Open ended comments are currently being looked at by the Quality Promotion Office with common themes being identified.
- The Quality Promotion Office are planning a deep analysis of the four-years of data available from the current iteration of the ISSE survey.
- ISSE-PGR data is currently being analysed and will also be made available to faculties through dashboards.

8. Presentation on the CINNTE Report by Ms Aisling McKenna

Ms Aisling McKenna presented a high-level overview of the CINNTE Institutional Review Report summarising the 12 commendations and 12 recommendations as set out in the report, which was noted by Council. Ms McKenna informed Council that the external review had a different focus to the internal quality review process in that its focus was on

the effectiveness of the University's quality assurance procedures. Ms McKenna informed Council of the next steps which were noted by Council:

- The Quality Promotion Office will continue communication of the results of the report across the University.
- Recommendations made in the report will be looked at in detail and discussions will commence shortly on how these will be progressed in the coming months.
- A formal response to the report is being established and will be provided to the QQI in January/February 2020.

C. Items for formal approval/noting

9. Examination and Progression and Awards Boards Reports, Summer 2019

Approved. The Vice President for Academic Affairs noted the significance of the meeting with Academic Council conferring approved awards for the first time.

10. DCU Marks and Standards 2019.1

Approved

11. Academic Regulations for Postgraduate Degrees by Research and Thesis 2019-2020

Approved

12. Validation Report: Graduate Certificate in Learning Transformations for Higher Education

Approved

13. Accreditation Reports:

13.1 MSc in Astrophysics and Relativity

Approved

13.2 Professional Diploma in Clinical Supervision

Approved. It was noted that there was a typographical error on page 7 of the report which has been corrected prior to the meeting of Academic Council.

14. Updated Recognition for Prior Learning Policy

Approved

15. Any other business

There were no items under AOB.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date of next meeting:

9 October 2019 2:00 pm in AG01 DCU, Glasnevin Campus
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