

ACADEMIC COUNCIL**MINUTES****6 June 2018****2.00 p.m. –2.40 p.m.****AG01, DCU Glasnevin Campus****PRESENT:**

F. Blin	M. Irwin-Bannon (Secretary)	P. Mooney
J. Bruen	G. Jones	G. Murphy
J. Bruton	B. Kelly	B. Ní Áingléis
E. Conway	S. Kelly	D. Nic Mhathúna
D Curran	Q. Liu	L. Nikolopoulos
J. Doyle	C. Loscher	R. O'Connor
O Farrell	C. MacMurchaidh	A. Parle-McDermott
B. Flood	L. MacGabhann	R. Sadleir
E. Guilfoyle (Chair)	K. McDonagh	A. Simon
D. Hand	E. McDonald	G. Sinclair
S. Hegarty	C. McGonagle	J. Stokes
G. Hughes	A. McKenna	J. Travers

APOLOGIES:

M. Brown	R. Gillanders	E. McGlynn
M. Butler	M. Helfert	D. McKeon
D. Collings	C. Holland	C. McMullan
B. Corcoran	A. Kearns	N. Moyna
M Crane	J. Kelly	F. Murphy
S. Cullen	P. Landais	M. O'Brien
N. Dunne	L. Looney	E. Regan
L Fitzsimons	J. Lovatt	A. Sinnott
G. French	B. MacCraith	B. White
C. Furlong	B. McConalogue	

1. Adoption of agenda

The agenda was adopted subject to discussion of item 12, Revocation of Award, and inclusion of one item under AOB.

A: Minutes and related issues**2. Minutes of the meeting of Academic Council of 11 April 2018**

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 14 March 2018 and 4 April 2018

Approved

5. Minutes of the meeting of the University Standards Committee of 22 February 2018

Approved

6. Minutes of the meetings of the Graduate Research Studies Board of 15 March 2018 and 26 April 2018

Approved

B. Policy and strategy issues**7. President's report (oral report)**

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

8. Presentation on the Irish Survey of Student Engagement by Ms Aisling McKenna

Ms. Aisling McKenna presented on the high level outcomes of the Irish Survey of Student Engagement 2018 conducted in March 2018. The following were noted from the presentation:

- The survey response rate for this year is the highest to date with 34% (3116 students) responding, up from 26% in 2017.
- 43.5% of first year students responded.
- DCU's indicator scores were broadly in-line with the national average and there is an upward trend on most of the indicators.
- DCU scored very well relative to other institutions on Collaborative Learning.
- Individual scores on questions on the Effective Teaching Strategies indicator were good, however the answers on 'feedback' could be explored, with a view to further improvement.
- The 'open comments' provided by students are currently being categorised into themes and sub-themes and will be shared at Faculty level over the coming weeks.
- Dashboards are being created and will be made available to Faculties and Schools during July 2018 to enable deeper analysis of survey data at programme level.

C. Items for formal approval/noting

9. Items from recent subcommittees of Academic Council

Approved

10. Accreditation Reports

10.1 MSc in Psychology and Well-being

Approved

10.2 BEd leading to the following awards

BEd in Gaeilge and French
BEd in Gaeilge and German
BEd in Gaeilge and Spanish

Approved

10.3 MSc in Diagnostics and Precision Medicine

Approved

11. Information on Marking, Retention and Disposal of Examination Scripts/ Assessments

Approved

12. Revocation of Award

The Vice President Academic Affairs/Registrar noted the recommendation for the revocation of the award outlining that the procedure followed was as laid out in the DCU Academic Integrity and Plagiarism Policy. It was noted that the line ‘Vice President for Academic Affairs represented by Mr Billy Kelly’ should be deleted from paragraph 5 of the document as circulated. The recommendation to revoke the award was approved.

It was noted that a Revocation of Award Policy is currently being developed and will be submitted for the future consideration of Academic Council.

13. Any other business**13.1 *Call for nominees to serve on Governing Authority Honorary Degree Committee***

It was noted that the Governing Authority Honorary Degree Committee is seeking two members (one female, one male) representing Academic Council and members were asked to respond to the recent call for nominations.

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Date of next meeting:

Monday, 18 June 2018 DCU Glasnevin Campus 2:00 pm in AG 01
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