Academic Council Quality Enhancement Committee (ACQEC)

Informal Summary Note of ACQEC Ordinary Meeting of 24 April 2024

1. ACQEC approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 7 February 2024.

2. ACQEC noted the provisions of the *Conflict of Interest Policy* (https://hub.ucd.ie/usis/!W_HU_MENU.P_PUBLISH?p_tag=GD-DOCLAND&ID=85).

3. ACQEC noted the matters arising from the previous meeting:

    a. ACQEC noted the submission of the AQR to QQI and GA;

    b. ACQEC noted the postponement of the Guidelines for Collaborative Programmes' review to 2024/2025.

4. ACQEC provided the following updates regarding UCD Linked Providers:

    a. ACQEC discussed IoB's Apprenticeships;

    b. ACQEC noted NCAD's submission of a progress update on their QIP;

    c. The Working Group on Linked providers provided a status update on their work.

5. ACQEC discussed the following Review Group reports considered by the RGR Sub-committee since its last meeting in February 2024:

    a. UCD Global;

    b. Teagasc/Collaborative Programmes.

6. ACQEC discussed the following QIPs:

    a. UCD School of Medicine;

    b. UCD School of Civil Engineering;

    c. UCD School of Mathematics and Statistics;

    d. IT Services.

7. ACQEC discussed the College Level Thematic Reports and approved their circulation to College Principals.

8. ACQEC approved a sub-group to expedite routine business during the summer.

9. ACQEC provided an update on the International Education Mark (IEM).

10. ACQEC noted the progress of the *UCD Academic Integrity Policy* for publication in September 2024.

11. ACQEC noted the progress on the *QQI Degree Classification Project*.

12. ACQEC provided an update on the QQI/UCD Biennial Meeting and noted UCD's commendation for its engagement with QQI.

13. ACQEC noted QQI's confirmation that there will be no significant changes to the AQR format.

14. ACQEC discussed the *QQI Proposed Convention on the Titling of Minor, Special Purpose and Supplemental Classes of Awards.*

15. ACQEC noted its Annual Work Plan Report.

16. ACQEC noted and commended the progress on the implementation of the Cinnte Institutional Improvement Plan.

17. ACQEC provided an update on the RUMC Quality Committee meeting.

18. ACQEC noted the progress on the new Quality Review Handbook for Professional Support Units.

19. ACQEC noted the Review Group membership for the 2023/24 cycle of reviews.

20. ACQEC noted the following periodic quality review activity since its last meeting in February 2024:
    a. No requests for site visit postponement;
    b. Completed Review Group Reports for University of Ulster/UCD Joint Programme Revalidation Review Report; UCD School of Information and Communication Studies; RUMC;
    c. Completed site visit for UCD School of Law;
    d. Completed QIP Progress Review Meetings for UCD School of Chemistry; UCD Library; and UCD School of Biology and Environmental Science.

21. ACQEC noted UCD's School of Physics Accreditation Report.

NOTE: This is an informal summary of an ACQEC meeting. It does not in any way prejudice the official minutes of the meeting, which will be presented to the next ordinary meeting of ACQEC and which are the sole authoritative record of ACQEC business.