



Academic Council Quality Enhancement Committee (ACQEC)

Informal Summary Note of ACQEC Ordinary Meeting of 28 April 2022

1. ACQEC approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 2 February 2022.
2. ACQEC noted the provisions of the *Conflict of Interest Policy* (https://sisweb.ucd.ie/usis!/W_HU_MENU.P_PUBLISH?p_tag=GD-DOCLAND&ID=85).
3. ACQEC noted that the quality review site visits for the UCD Schools of Chemistry, Biology and Environmental Science, Philosophy, UCD Library, Politics and International Relations, Geography, and History were conducted remotely in March and April 2022.
4. ACQEC noted the following periodic quality review activity since its last meeting in January 2021:
 - a. Completed review group reports for UCD Finance, NCAD.
5. ACQEC noted that the Committee provided feedback on the draft Annual Quality Report (AQR) and this was implemented and submitted to UMT and QQI.
6. ACQEC noted the significant progress made with the CINNTE report with 80% of recommendations being addressed. The Committee approved the document and submitted to UMT and GA.
7. ACQEC discussed Review Group information from 2021/22 and noted the challenges in assembling review groups during COVID.
8. ACQEC noted the following aspects relating to the University's Linked Providers: The Review Group Report for NCAD latest review has been submitted to UMT for their commentary. It will then go to Governing Authority.
9. ACQEC approved multiple requests to reschedule periodic quality reviews from 2021/22 to 2022/23.
10. ACQEC welcomed the recommendations of its sub-committee on Review Group Reports and recognised the value of this work for the University, agreeing that greater context for recommendations and commendations should be included in review group reports.
11. ACQEC discussed the revised Handbook for Quality Reviews and approved the suggested changes for schools/units undergoing review in the 2022/23 cycle onwards.
12. ACQEC discussed the Collaborative Overseas Programmes reports. The committee considered the establishment of a small working group. ACQEC approved the reports for submission to UMTGEG.
13. ACQEC noted the report on its work plan for 2021/22.

14. ACQEC discussed the Joint-Sectoral Protocol between Designated Awarding Bodies (DABs) and Quality and Qualifications Ireland (QQI) for the inclusion of Qualifications within the National Framework of Qualifications (NFQ). ACQEC endorsed the paper to go to UPB and ACEC.

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 the ACQEC and which are the sole authoritative record of ACQEC business.