

Summary of the Governing Authority meeting of 28 June 2016

1. The Chairman welcomed two of the new representatives of the UCD Students' Union who were present for the first time: Conor Viscardi (President) and Lexi Kilmartin (Education Officer). He also congratulated Professor Emma Teeling on her election to membership of the Royal Irish Academy and Professor Pat Guiry on his election as Science Secretary of the same body.
2. The Governing Authority passed a vote of sympathy with the widow and family of Professor *Emeritus* Brendan Walsh, a member of the Governing Body from 1994 to 1997, who died on 17 May 2016. A minute of silence was observed.
3. The Governing Authority noted the President's report.
4. The Governing Authority approved recommendations of the Finance, Remuneration and Asset Management Committee from its meeting of 08 June 2016 in relation to finance matters as follows: (i) the consolidated financial statements of the University for the year ending 30 September 2015, and the Statement on Governance and Internal Control for the financial year ended 30 September 2015; and (ii) the UCD budget for 2016-17.
5. On the recommendation of the Audit and Risk Management Committee, the Governing Authority approved the appointment of KMPG as the external auditors to the University for the four-year period commencing with the audit for the year ending 30 September 2016.
6. The Governing Authority noted the summary of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee held on 01 June 2016.
7. The Governing Authority approved draft Statute 22, which amended Chapter 6 of Statute 6 (The Academic Council).
8. On the recommendation of the President, and in accordance with Statute 11, the Governing Authority designated the National College of Art and Design, the Institute of Public Administration, and the Institute of Bankers in Ireland as Recognised Colleges and Institutions of the University from 01 September 2016 to 31 August 2017.
9. In accordance with Statute 18, Chapter 18, on the recommendation of the President the Governing Authority established new Academic Centres as follows: (i) UCD Centre for BioNano Interactions; and (ii) UCD Centre for Arthritis Research.
10. In accordance with Statute 18, Chapter 18, on the recommendation of the President the Governing Authority appointed Directors of Academic Centres as follows: (i) Dr XueFengCui (UCD Meteorology and Climate Centre); (ii) Professor Kenneth Dawson (UCD Centre for BioNano Interactions); and (iii) Professor Gerry Wilson (UCD Centre for Arthritis Research).
11. In accordance with Statute 18, Chapter 18, on the recommendation of the President the Governing Authority abolished UCD Centre for Animal Health Translational Research.
12. The Governing Authority noted the interim report of the UCD Governance Review Team in relation to the self-assessment survey of the performance of the Authority by its members.
13. The Governing Authority noted the Quality Review Group Reports on (i) UCD School of Civil Engineering; and (ii) UCD School of Law, and approved their publication. It also noted the response of the University Management Team to each of the reports.
14. The Governing Authority approved recommendations of the University Committee on Academic Appointments, Tenure and Promotions from its meeting of 10 June 2016 for the appointment of Visiting Academic Staff and Adjunct Staff. It noted items of information from the same meeting.

15. The Governing Authority noted the UCD Child Protection Policy, which had been approved by the University Management Team under the requirements of the Children First Act 2015.
16. In accordance with the Agreed Framework between the Universities and the Higher Education Authority for Departures from Approved Levels of Remuneration, Fees, Allowances and Expenses for University Employees, the Governing Authority approved a recommendation of the Remuneration Committee of the Finance, Remuneration and Asset Management Committee for the award of a Departures Framework contract to recruit a new member of staff.

NOTE: This is an informal summary of a Governing Authority 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 Authority and which are the sole authoritative record of Governing Authority business.