

## **Summary of the Governing Authority meeting of 18 October 2016**

1. The Chair welcomed the SU Welfare Officer, Róisín Ní Mhara, who was present for the first time. He also welcomed Dr Sinead Critchley, Director of University Governance, who will attend future meetings of Governing Authority.
2. The Chair congratulated Professor Imelda Maher, UCD School of Law, who has been elected President of the Society of Legal Scholars of the UK and Ireland. Professor Maher is the first Irish woman to hold the role in its 115 years. He also congratulated Professor Dermot Moran, UCD School of Philosophy, who has been elected a member of the International Institute of Philosophy/Institut International de Philosophie.
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 5 October 2016 in relation to finance matters as follows: (i) US GAAP Consolidated Financial Statements and (ii) Letter of Representation to the External Auditors.
5. The Governing Authority noted the summary of the meeting of the Audit and Risk Management Committee held on 21 September 2016.
6. The Governing Authority noted the Chair's report on the next steps to be taken following reflection on the results of the self-assessment survey of the performance of the Governing Authority by its members. This will include a meeting dedicated to reviewing the strategic direction of the University in early 2017.
7. The Governing Authority noted the Quality Review Group Report on UCD International and approved its publication. It also noted the response of the University Management Team to the report.
8. The Governing Authority approved recommendations for the appointment of Visiting Academic and Adjunct Staff.
9. The Governing Authority considered proposed amendments to the Faculty Promotion Policy and directed them to Faculty Promotions Committee and Academic Council for further consideration.
10. The Governing Authority noted the UCD Progression, Retention and Completion Statistics provided by the Registrar.
11. The Governing Authority noted the recently revised Code of Practice for the Governance of State Bodies (August 2016).

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.