



Academic Council Quality Enhancement Committee (ACQEC)

Informal Summary Note of ACQEC Ordinary Meeting of 28 January 2021

1. ACQEC approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 19 November 2020.
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 the following periodic quality review activity since its last meeting in November 2020:
 - a. Completed quality improvement plan: UCD Registry.
4. ACQEC approved a request to reschedule a quality review from 2020/21 to 2021/22.
5. ACQEC welcomed a presentation on equality, diversity and inclusion (EDI) activities and noted the current embedded approach on EDI in quality processes. ACQEC expressed its support for the ongoing work between the Director of UCD Quality and the EDI Strategic Manager to develop an EDI briefing for units undergoing review.
6. ACQEC noted that the interim progress report on the Institutional Quality Improvement Plan QIP was considered by UMT in November and GA in December 2020.
7. ACQEC approved the consolidated themed reports based on recommendations arising from the 2018-19 Review Group Reports for circulation to the relevant areas, including Equality, Diversity and Inclusion and Global Engagement recommendations.
8. ACQEC noted the work completed by its sub-committee on Review Group Reports.
9. ACQEC considered the draft 2021 Annual Institutional Quality Report (AQR) for submission to QQI in March.
10. ACQEC noted updates on the following QQI projects that the Quality Office/University is engaged in 1/ Thematic Review of the QQI Cinnte Institutional Reviews; 2/ Thematic Analysis of Programme Approval and Review Reports; 3/ Green Paper on Qualifications and Irish Register of Qualifications; 4/ National Academic Integrity Network; and 5/ Towards Principles for Accreditation and other Professional Engagements.
11. ACQEC noted the QQI report, *Quality In Irish Education 2020*.

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.