



Quality Committee Meeting Minutes: 14th June, 2017

Present: Paula Murray (Chair), Anne Ryan, Colin Graham, Marie Griffin, Siobhán Harkin (Secretary)

Apologies: Stephen Buckley, Niamh Halpenny, Robyn Duke

1. Minutes of last meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 14th April, 2017 were adopted.

2. Matters Arising

No matters arising

3. Update on 3rd cycle of quality reviews

The Director of Quality updated the Committee on the status of recent internal quality reviews undertaken in the Faculty of Social Sciences and unit-level reviews.

The Committee asked about the process once site visits have been completed. Seven departmental reviews have been undertaken and the review process is now moving from site visit to the preparation and receipt of peer review group reports by the university. Once peer review group reports have been fact-checked by the unit/department in question, the report is finalised and the Director of Quality invites the unit to prepare a quality improvement plan, setting out its specific response to addressing areas for improvement and enhancement.

4. Quality Committee input to strategic plan

The Committee proposed devoting most of the remainder of the meeting to discussing its input to the consultation phase on the upcoming strategic plan and discussed and amended the draft submission from the Committee in this regard. It was agreed that the amended submission, based on the discussion and input during the meeting, be made by the Director of Quality.

5. Office of the Director of Strategy and Quality: Annual Report on Quality Assurance 2016/17

It was agreed to defer this item until the next meeting of the Committee. Director of Quality to present the report.

6. Revised Quality Review Schedule 2017-20121

The revised schedule of quality reviews was considered and discussed. There was a query regarding what is the Linked Provider. As the new curriculum is not fully implemented yet a request was made that the schedule be amended again so that the Faculty of Science and the Faculty of Arts departments were not being "double reviewed" in a year. The members requested that the High Level BA programme and high Level BSc programme reviews be put back to 2020/2021 in light of the above.

7. A.O.B.

The Quality Committee Terms of Reference were presented to the committee for their information. A copy of same is to be made available to each member of the committee.

There were no further items under AOB, and the Chair wished all members of the Committee well for the summer break.

The meeting ended at 16.40.