



## Quality Committee Meeting Minutes 20<sup>th</sup> September 2016

**Present:** Paula Murray (Chair), Jim Walsh, Fiona Lyddy (Secretary), Anne Ryan, Marie Griffin, Neil Trappe, Michael Dunne, Niamh Halpenny

**Apologies:** Siobhan Harkin, Roxanne Paul

Dr Lyddy agreed to serve as Secretary for this meeting

### **1. Minutes of the last meeting.**

The minutes of the meeting of 25<sup>th</sup> May were accepted subject to amendment re item 6 page 2: change to Quantitative reasoning was noted as an area meriting more attention.

### **2. Matters arising**

Professor Walsh informed the meeting that:

- a. The Maynooth University Framework for Quality Assurance and Enhancement was approved by the Academic Council on the 30<sup>th</sup> May and by the Governing Authority on 9<sup>th</sup> June 2016
- b. The schedule of Quality Reviews for the period to 2021/22 was approved by the Governing Authority in June 2016
- c. The Quality Review of the Research Development Office was completed in June and the Peer Review visit for the Human Resources Department took place on the 14<sup>th</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup> September.
- d. A draft report on Student Engagement has been completed. It will be considered in the first instance by the Teaching and Learning Committee.

### **3. Report on Quality Assurance and Enhancement September 2014-2016**

Professor Walsh introduced this item. He noted some amendments proposed by the University Executive at its meeting earlier on 20<sup>th</sup> September.

The Quality Committee considered and recommended the report to the Governing Authority. Specific reference was made to the embedding of a quality culture across the University and the range of activities in support of quality assurance and enhancement, particularly in light of the reduced resources. Suggestions were made regarding the inclusion of additional complementary metrics such as the awards made to Maynooth University staff by the National

Forum for the Enhancement of Teaching and Learning, and also the recognition of Maynooth University's leading position in attracting students from diverse backgrounds.

**4. AOB**

The Chair noted that this is Professor Walsh's last meeting before he steps down as Vice President.

He thanked members for their support and noted the constructive manner with which departments had taken quality reviews

The Chair thanked Prof Walsh and wished him well for his return to research.

**5. Date of Next Meeting**

To be confirmed