

## UCD FELLOWSHIPS IN TEACHING & ACADEMIC DEVELOPMENT 2007-2009

### PROJECT ACTIVITIES AND OUTCOMES

#### Project Report Publication

The specific outputs and outcomes of the Fellowship programme, including institutional policy recommendations and implementation of new modules are provided in the project report *Fellowships in Teaching & Academic Development 2007-2009*

The structure of the Fellowship programme established two project teams to address 2 strategic University-wide initiatives:

- First Year Experience and
- Using Assessment for Student Engagement;

In addition:

- 10 individual disciplinary module reform projects focussed on these overarching themes were also established;

The Fellowship Project Report has been disseminated internally and externally within the Irish HE sector as well as internationally (Scotland and Universitas 21 institutions).

Specific outputs additional to those described in the Fellowship Report include the following:

#### Journal Publications and Conference Proceedings

Moore, N. & Gilmartin, M. (2010) *Teaching for Better Learning: A Blended Learning Pilot Project with First-Year Geography Undergraduates*, *Journal of Geography in Higher Education*, 34(4), 1-18

Hennessy, E., Hernández, R., Kieran, P. & McLoughlin, H. (2010) 'Translating teaching and learning across disciplines in a modular system'. *Teaching in Higher Education*, 15: 6, 675 — 689.

O'Sullivan, S., Gibney, A. Moore, N & Murphy, F. (2010) *The First Semester of University Life; 'will I be able to manage it at all?'* (*Higher Education, Online First*<sup>™</sup>, 13 November 2010).

O'Sullivan, S., (2010) 'Using the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning to Enhance Large Introductory Sociology Classes: Mission Impossible?' submitted to *Teaching Sociology* September 2010

Kieran, P.M. & O'Neill, G. (2009). Peer-Assisted Tutoring in a Chemical Engineering Curriculum: Tutee and Tutor Experiences. *Australasian Journal of Peer Learning*, 2(1), Article 4. Available online: <http://ro.uow.edu.au/ajpl/vol2/iss1/4>

Hernández, R. (2008) Student Engagement in Assessment for Learning. In: O'Riordan, F., Smyth, R., McGing G. and Toolan, F eds. *Irish Conference on Engagement Pedagogy*, pp.129-141.

Hernández, R. (2007) Learning-oriented assessment: beyond a marriage of convenience. In: Carey, L.; Huntley-Moore, S.; Jordan, A.; Magennis, S. and McMullin, B eds. *AISHE International Conference: Teaching and Learning in the Changing World of Higher Education* <http://www.aishe.org/events/2006-2007/conf2007/proceedings/>.

## Presentations on Teaching Fellows' Work

### International Presentations

- Moore, N. & Gilmartin, M. (2010) 'Moving beyond the individual in technological space', *Innovative Spaces of Teaching and Learning Organised Session at the AAG Annual Conference Washington DC, April 2010*
- O'Sullivan, Sara (2010) 'Teaching and learning solutions to problems impacting on student learning in large first year classes', Paper presented at *SoTL Commons Conference*, Georgia Southern University **March 2010**
- O'Sullivan S., Gibney A., Moore N. and Murphy F. (2010) "The First Year Experience at University College Dublin", *29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the First Year Experience*, Denver, Colorado, **February 2010**
- O'Sullivan, Sara (2009) 'Designing, Implementing and Revising a Learning Outcomes Based Curriculum: The Experience of the UCD School of Sociology', Paper presented at *Primer Seminario del Bologna Expert Team* (Spain), 'Resultados de Aprendizaje: Descripción, Desarrollo y Evaluación', Universidad de Castilla-La Mancha Toledo, 10<sup>th</sup> **December 2009**.
- Gibney A. "Are engineering graduates adequately prepared for employment? Curriculum design to encourage creativity in engineering education", *Universitas 21 Teaching & Learning Conference, Teaching and Learning for Employability in a Global Economy*, Ningbo, China, **November 2009**,
- Moore, N. and Gilmartin, M. (2009) "How about we figure a time and get this thing rolling?" Re-negotiating the teaching-learning nexus with first-year Geography students, Keynote address at *University of Glasgow, 2nd Annual Learning and Teaching Conference: Promoting Student Success through the Curriculum*, **April 2009**.
- Noonan, E. & Redmond, B. (2009) "Engaging academic staff in the strategic enhancement of teaching, learning and assessment activities at University College Dublin", *QAA Scotland Enhancement Themes Annual Conference*, **March 2009** "
- Hennessy, E., Hernández, R., Kieran, P. & McLoughlin, H. 'Translating teaching and learning across disciplines in a modular system'. Society for Research into Higher Education, Annual Conference, Liverpool, **December 2008**
- Moore N., Gibney A., O'Sullivan S. and Murphy F. (2008) "Channeling Innovation: The Scholarship of Teaching and Learning and Academic Policy Formulation" *30<sup>th</sup> Annual EAIR (The European Association for Institutional Research) Forum, Polishing the silver: Are we really improving higher education*, Copenhagen. **August 2008**
- Noonan, E. & Redmond, B. (2008) "Using a Fellowship programme to support academic development in a University undergoing strategic change" *SRHE (Society for Research in Higher Education) Academic Practice Network*, University of Chester, **May 2008**
- Universitas 21 Inaugural Teaching & Learning Conference, Glasgow, **February 2008** (<http://www.universitas21.com/TandL/OldTandLpages/Programme.html> ) the following presentations were made;
  - [Translating teaching and learning across disciplines in a modular system](#)  
Dr Eilis Hennessy, Ms Rosario Hernández, Dr Patricia Kieran & Henry McLoughlin, University College Dublin
  - ["Won't someone tell me all I need to know?": first year expectations of university life](#)  
Dr Amanda Gibney, Dr Niamh Moore, Mr Feargal Murphy & Dr Sara O'Sullivan, University College Dublin
  - [Making it different: a blended learning pilot project with first year geography undergraduates](#)  
Dr Mary Gilmartin & Dr Niamh Moore, University College Dublin
  - [Teaching as academic housework: exploring the nature of perceived inequities between teaching and research](#)  
Professor Bairbre Redmond, University College Dublin
- Gibney, A. "Encouraging creativity within an engineering curriculum" *An International Symposium in Engineering Education: Student-centred learning in small groups*, Loughborough, **January 2008**,

- Noonan, E. & Redmond, B. (2007) "Using a Fellowship programme to support academic development in a University undergoing strategic change" *EAIR (European Association for Institutional Research) 29<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, August 2007*

#### National Presentations

- Kieran, P.M., Malone, D.M. & O'Neill, G. (2010) Peer-Assisted Tutoring in Chemical Engineering: Development of a Tutor-Oriented Module. *International Society for Engineering Education Conference (ISEE 2010)*. University College Cork. June 30-July 2. Available online: <[www.ucc.ie/academic/processeng/isee2010/pdfs/Papers/Kieran%20et%20al.pdf](http://www.ucc.ie/academic/processeng/isee2010/pdfs/Papers/Kieran%20et%20al.pdf)> **Awarded 'Runner-Up Best Paper'**
- Kieran PM, Malone DM, O'Neill GM (2010) 'Introduction of Peer-Assisted Tutoring to the Chemical Engineering Curriculum'. Invited presentation. Dundalk Institute of Technology, Teaching & Learning Committee, May 7 2010.
- O'Sullivan, S. (2010) 'Using the Scholarship of Teaching and Learning to Enhance the First Year Experience in Sociology: Mission Impossible?' paper presented at Sociological Association of Ireland Conference, Queen's University Belfast 7-9th **May 2010**
- O'Sullivan, Sara (2009) 'Enhancing The First Year Experience in Sociology', poster presentation *Irish Universities Quality Board* Conference November, "Striving to enhance the Student Experience: Implementing a Student Centred Approach to Learning- The European Standards and Guidelines (Part 1) in action'.
- Hennessy, E (2009) 'Developing writing skills among graduate students', presentation at the 2009 Annual Conference of the Psychological Society of Ireland, Wexford, 5-8 November 2009.

#### **Conferences Hosted**

- DRHEA Practice Exchange Programme "*Celebrating Excellence in Teaching and Learning in the Dublin Regional Higher Education Alliance*" May 2010
- Teaching & learning conference including DRHEA partners, focussing on Research Teaching Linkages, with input international expert Professor Andrea Nolan (University of Glasgow) October 2009;
- Teaching & learning conference with T&L Scholars from University of Limerick & UCD Fellows, input from international expert, Professor Randal McDonald (Sheffield Hallam University), held at UCD, December 2007;
- *Collaboration with Griffith College*, through R.Hernández in the organisation of an annual conference on Engaging Pedagogy: ICEP 09 took place at UCD, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2009. ICEP 2010 will take place at NIU Maynooth, December 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2010.

#### **Internal Seminars**

- Presentation of strategic projects to UCD Senior Management Academic Plenary June 2008;
- Internal UCD seminars for Vice-Principals for Teaching & Learning, School Heads of Teaching & Learning, ongoing 2 per annum 2008-2010 to disseminate the outcomes of Fellowships projects;
- Presentations of project findings at College and School level committees throughout the project: e.g
  - Kieran PM, Malone, O'Neill GM (2010) 'Assessment of Tutor Performance in Peer-Assisted Tutorials (PATs)'. Invited presentation. UCD College of Engineering, Mathematical & Physical Sciences, Teaching & Learning Committee, March 30.

- Kieran PM, Malone DM, O'Neill GM (2010) 'Student Peer-Tutoring: An educationally beneficial elective module'. Teaching & Learning Seminar Series. UCD Centre for Teaching & Learning, February 10.
- Moore, N. (2008) Innovation in *Teaching and Learning: Opportunities and Challenges for Enhanced Learning*, Presentation to Inaugural School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy, Teaching and Learning Day, January 2000
- Hernández,R et al.. Presentation to UCD Senior Management Team, "Translating teaching and learning across the disciplines in a modular system", June 2008
- Hernández,R et al.. Presentation to UCD Registration Information Outreach Group, "Choosing non-programme elective modules", June 2008
- Hernández,R et al.. Presentation to UCD School Heads of Teaching and Learning, 'Module choice and student experience in Horizons 2007-08', November 2008
- Hernández,R et al.. Presentation to UCD College of Arts and Celtic Studies Council Meeting, 'Student elective choices across UCD', January 2009
- Hernández,R et al.. Presentation to UCD School of Geography, Planning and Environmental Policy, 'Student elective choices and their implications for assessment', January 2009
- Hernández,R et al.. Presentation to UCD Graduate Diploma in Teaching and Learning students, (module: 'Designing and Developing Curricula for Higher Education') April 2009
- Hernández, R. Workshop facilitated to the School of Geography Policy and Environmental Policy, 'Principles and practices of student assessment in a modular curriculum', February 2008
- Hernández, R. Workshop facilitated to the School of Languages and Literatures, 'Evaluating the student experience', May 2008
- Hernández, R. Research seminar paper presented to the School of Languages and Literatures, 'When assessment *of* learning becomes assessment *for* learning', April 2010