Academic Council Quality Enhancement Committee (ACQEC)

Informal Summary Note of ACQEC Ordinary Meeting of 22 April 2025

1. ACQEC approved the minutes of the Ordinary Meeting held on 05 February 2025 with no amendments.

2. ACQEC noted the matters arising from the previous meeting:
   a. ACQEC approved the amended version of the UCD Global QIP;
   b. ACQEC noted the approval of the English Language Policy by UPB and ACEC;
   c. ACQEC noted the approval of the Quality Assurance and Quality Enhancement Policy by ACEC;
   d. ACQEC noted the approval of the Linked Providers Handbook by ACEC;
   e. ACQEC noted the submission of the Annual Quality Report (AQR) to QQI.

3. ACQEC noted the provisions of the *Conflict of Interest Policy* (https://hub.ucd.ie/usis/!W_HU_MENU.P_PUBLISH?p_tag=GD-DOCLAND&ID=85).

4. ACQEC noted the submission of the International Education Mark (IEM) application by both UCD Linked Providers (IoB and NCAD).

5. ACQEC noted that there were no QIPs for consideration.

6. ACQEC provided an update on the International Education Mark (IEM) application.

7. ACQEC discussed the following Review Group Reports:
   a. UCD School of Architecture, Planning and Environmental Policy (APEP);
   b. UCD Research and Innovation.

8. ACQEC approved the Cinnte Review Update on implementation of institutional recommendations for submission to Governing Authority.

9. ACQEC discussed the QIP Analytics Project.

10. ACQEC discussed RUMC's Annual Update.

11. ACQEC discussed the Review Postponement Procedure.

12. ACQEC declined the review postponement request from UCD College of Business.

13. ACQEC noted the following periodic quality reviews activity since its last meeting in February 2025:

    a. Completed site visits for UCD School of Earth Sciences, UCD School of Social Policy, Social Work & Social Justice, UCD School of Economics, UCD School of Physics, UCD School of Art History and Cultural Policy, UCD Secretariat, UCD Careers Network.
    b. Completed Periodic Quality Review Group Reports for UCD School of Classics, UCD School of Architecture, Planning, and Environmental Policy, UCD School of Languages, Cultures & Linguistics.
    c. Completed Progress Review Plan meetings for UCD School of Civil Engineering, UCD School of Mechanical and Materials Engineering.

14. ACQEC provided the following updates on external quality engagement:

    a. ACQEC noted the QQI *White Paper on Focused Review Procedures (QA and ATP)*;
    b. ACQEC noted the QQI *White Paper on Monitoring Policy and Framework*;
    c. ACQEC noted the QQI *White Paper on Procedures for Focused Reviews of Validated Programmes*.

15. ACQEC noted the U*CD Strategy 2025-2030 – "Implementation of Academic-Related Actions"* by AC.