

Academic Council

Summary of Meeting held on 21 February 2023	
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions The Chair welcomed members to this the first meeting of the newly constituted Academic Council.</p>
2.	<p>Academic Council Terms of Reference & Membership (note Governing Body amendment) Academic Council noted its revised terms of reference (including an amendment to membership) as approved by Governing Body on 12th December 2022.</p>
3.	<p>Revised Terms of Reference of Academic Council Sub Committees Academic Council approved the following revised terms of reference:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (i) University Programmes Board (ii) Academic Quality Assurance & Enhancement Committee
4.	<p>Ratification of Awards Academic Council ratified awards as submitted.</p>
5.	<p>Academic Calendar 2023/2024 (draft) Academic Council deferred approval the draft Academic Calendar 2023/2024.</p> <p>Following discussion Academic Council agreed that the draft calendar should be revised as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Semester 2 Review week should be moved from Week 8 to Week 13 • 'End of the Academic Year' should be updated to 31 August 2024 (and 'End of Teaching Semester' recorded as week commencing 17/06/24) <p>It was agreed that derogations from the calendar to allow for assessments before the Winter Break should be in place prior to the commencement of the academic year and approval of any such derogations should be based on special requirements due to programme structure.</p>
6.	<p>Recent National developments and current status of Apprentice Education – Presentation G. Reilly joined the meeting to outline a presentation in relation to the above item.</p>
7.	<p>Honorary Awards Process Academic Council noted the documentation submitted outlining the Honorary Awards Process.</p> <p>It was agreed that suggestions made by members in relation to the widening of membership of the Honorary Degrees and Fellowships Committee should be taken on board and a revised process should be brought back to Academic Council.</p>

NOTE: This is an informal summary of an Academic Council meeting. It does not in any way prejudice the official minutes of the meeting which will be presented to the next ordinary meeting of Academic Council and which are the sole authoritative record of Academic Council business.