**Education Committee (Quality and Standards) Terms of Reference**

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| **Remit:** |
| The Education Committee (Quality and Standards) shall, subject to the powers of Academic Council, act as guardian of the University’s Quality Assurance Framework by having ownership of, and responsibility for, its development, implementation and management of risks, while also horizon scanning, forward planning and developing new approaches in response to national and regional requirements and good practice. The Quality Assurance Framework relates to the maintenance of standards and the enhancement and assurance of the quality of academic provision for all taught and research programmes leading to awards by, or in partnership with, the University. |
|  **Alignment to University Strategic Objectives / Core Enabling Projects:** |
| Strategic Programmes:Develop Education for the FutureEnhance Student ExperienceDevelop a comprehensive International Strategy to cultivate enduring global partnerships | Projects:Review current educational provision and assessmentGrow and refine inward and outward student mobility opportunitiesDevelop flexible, future ready educational pathway and programme infrastructure (including micro-credentials) Scope, develop and implement January student intakeScope, define and develop a 5-year TNE strategy and operationalise with delivery of next project(s) underway |
| **Terms of Reference:** |
| RecommendationsTo make recommendations for endorsement by Academic Council and approval by Senate regarding:1. New strategic academic partnerships with other institutions and organisations.
2. New awards to be offered by the University.
3. An annual assurance report on the actions taken to ensure the continuous improvement of the student academic experience and student outcomes.

To make recommendations to Academic Council for the consideration and approval of:1. The Quality Assurance Framework.
2. Policies, rules and objectives relating to the Quality Assurance Framework.
3. University regulations pertaining to all registered students across all levels of study.

Consideration and/or ApprovalTo consider, discuss and/or grant approval of:1. Academic quality and standards matters relating to the University, including any matter referred to it by the Academic Council, or for recommendation to the Academic Council/Senate.
2. The development, implementation, co-ordination and evaluation of procedures, and initiatives, with a focus on risks and enhancement, regarding:
	1. Admissions, including the recognition of prior learning.
	2. Approval, management, and review of the University’s educational provision.
	3. Taught and research educational arrangements with other institutions and organisations.
3. Actions in response to academic appeals and academic offences matters.
4. Criteria for the appointment of taught external examiners and teaching assistants, and for recognition to teach, supervise and examine at undergraduate, postgraduate taught and postgraduate research level.
5. Concessions to University and programme regulations.
6. The delegation of any of its functions as it may, from time to time, determine to groups appointed by the Education Committee (Quality and Standards), including the establishment of subgroups, working groups, task and finish groups and advisory groups, as appropriate, to advise and report on any of the above matters.
7. Reports from, actions of, and recommendations made by subgroups, task and finish groups and other bodies (e.g. Faculty Education Committees) as derived from the implementation of the Quality Assurance Framework and related strategies, policies and procedures.

DelegationTo delegate authority on the following:To Faculties, Schools and Professional Services:1. Decisions arising from the implementation of academic standards and quality procedures, including Regulations, specified by the Education Committee (Quality and Standards).
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| **Membership:**  |
| **Chair:** | Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Education and Students | Professor Judy Williams |
| **Members:** | *AHSS Representatives*AHSS Dean of Education AHSS Dean of Graduate Studies Law (PGT)History, Anthropology, Philosophy and Politics (UG)*EPS Representatives*EPS Dean of EducationMechanical and Aerospace Engineering (PGR)Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering (UG)Psychology (PGT)*MHLS Representatives*MHLS Dean of EducationMHLS Dean of InternationalisationBiological Sciences (PGT)Nursing and Midwifery (PGT)Dean of Graduate SchoolQueen’s Business School (UG) | Professor Robin Hickey Professor Alister MiskimmonDr Norah BurnsDr Viviane GraveyProfessor Philip Hanna Dr Declan NolanDr Louise PickDr Teresa RusheProfessor Ciaren GrahamProfessor David GrieveDr Simon CameronDr Gary MitchellProfessor Colin McCoyDr Chirantan Ganguly |
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| **In attendance:** | University staff as required |
| **Quorum:** | Ten members with at least one member from each Faculty  |
| **Serviced by:** | Academic Affairs |
| **Reports to:** | Academic Council and University Management Board |
| **Receives reports from:** | As prescribed within the Quality Assurance Framework |