

QUALITY COMMITTEE

Terms of Reference

Chair:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A current and external member of <i>An tÚdarás Rialaithe</i>, as appointed by the Trustees 	<p>Overall Aim: <i>High quality and externally validated outcomes in delivery of the College Mission, with particular emphasis on the excellence of teaching, learning and research activities, and the character of the student experience.</i></p> <p>Responsibilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> To ensure due accountability to students, staff, peers, sectoral partners, funders and the wider community, by: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ oversight of progress towards relevant performance indicators and quality assurance targets as set out in the College Strategic Plan and informed by national policy and appropriate international benchmarks; ✓ fostering effective communication and coordination with (and between) the Executive Team and <i>An Chomhairle Acadúil (ACA)</i>, as the bodies with operational responsibility for quality assurance. ✓ direct reporting to <i>An tÚdarás Rialaithe</i> in relation to quality assurance developments, in alignment with approved targets, indicators and funder requirements; To promote a total quality culture throughout the College in order to assure and improve the quality of teaching, learning, research and professional services provided by the College. To ensure that awareness of the latest developments in the field of quality assurance/improvement, based on best national and international practice is fostered throughout the College. To promote the development of relevant and effective policies and procedures relating to quality assurance and improvement, within the context of the Strategic Plan for the College, and in a manner that is consistent with the standards applying throughout the third level sector To ensure ongoing monitoring of the manner and extent to which the College's practices serve to assure and improve the quality of all its programmes and services. To prepare an annual statement of risk; To draft (in due consultation) quality review schedules for approval by <i>An tÚdarás Rialaithe</i> and to ensure successful completion of approved quality reviews
Members:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> College President, <i>ex officio</i> Vice President Academic Affairs, <i>ex officio</i> Vice President of Governance and Strategy, <i>ex officio</i> Vice President Research, <i>ex officio</i> Dean of Arts, <i>ex officio</i> Dean of Education, <i>ex officio</i> Head of Graduate School, <i>ex officio</i> Director of Teaching & Learning One representative of Academic staff, drawn from the current membership of <i>An tÚdarás Rialaithe</i>, as appointed by the Trustees One representative of Professional Services staff, drawn from the current membership of <i>An tÚdarás Rialaithe</i>, as appointed by the Trustees President of the Students' Union Vice President of the Students' Union Director of Student Life <i>ex-officio</i> Director of Quality Director of Executive Operations Assistant Dean of Education Head of School of Education, Thurles Assistant Dean of Arts 	

Attendance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Quality Assurance Manager, <i>ex officio</i>
Recording Secretary:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Executive Officer, President's Office

Version:	1	Adopted by Trustees, October 2013	
	2	Approved by AUR, December 2013 and adopted by Trustees, January 2014	
	3	Amended by AUR 2015#01, adopted by Trustees 2015#02	
	4	Adopted by Trustees 2016#01	
	5	Adopted by the Trustees 2019#02	
	6	Membership change approved by UR 2020#03 (June 2020) and TR 2020#03 (July 2020)	