



Summary report from meeting of COTEC (Virtual Meeting using Skype)

7th April 2020

Standing Items Reviewed:

HSE, HEA and DFA advice; Student Residences; UL Community Virus Status Check; International Students at UL and UL Students Abroad; Cooperative Education Students; Online Learning Provision; UL Risk Register and UL COVID Action Group.

The meeting dealt with the following considerations:

- Considerations of Personal Protective Wear (PPE) needs and arrangements for UL and PCC staff operating on campus
- Exact requirements for time-bound assessments to ensure systems capability and mitigate against learner risks
- Progress updates from all faculties on implementation measures relating to alternative teaching/learning and research arrangements
- UL actions will be driven by the need to maintain integrity of our academic awards. This is in line with the approach of the other Irish Universities
- Support for the national effort is acknowledged across the faculties
- Considerations of constraints for PhD students
- Monitoring the situation of 2nd Year AHSS students in terms of their cooperative education and Erasmus placements
- Cyber risk of remote working
- Early stage report of the work of the Future Planning Group
- Ongoing work to coordinate the activities in the university towards combatting the disease. Active working groups on new chemicals, 3-D printing, tracing and testing capabilities, manufacturing PPE, modelling the spread of the virus, field hospital on campus and many other projects
- Ongoing engagement with HR in relation to types and availability of staff that could support the work of the hospital
- UL hub of contact tracing has commenced work involving UL health science students and staff