



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

14<sup>th</sup> 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:

- Monitoring of the situation across key areas, including: Faculties, IED, CECD, Health & Safety, Buildings and Estates, ITD, Student Affairs, Research, Student Health Centre, HR, Residencies and UL Hospital.
- The implications of governmental decision to postpone the Leaving Certificate.
- Flexible and new models of delivery of university education, research and operations in the eventuality of a recurrent virus.
- Block/modular approach to design of activities and events involving students, allowing flexibility.
- Monitoring of student admissions trends in comparison with previous years
- International travel (in the light of int. student recruitment) and student mobility in September
- Paired teaching practice modes considered for placements during AY 20-21 and uncertainty about reopening of schools.
- Plans for a phased return to research labs.
- Review feedback in relation to online learning systems and what arrangements need to be put in place for autumn.
- Virtual events organised for students who remain in residencies: about 100 students are engaged in these activities.
- Intention to issue 2000 UL on campus accommodation room offers later this week. Signing contracts is postponed till August so cancellations can be refunded till then.
- Report on the work of the UL Contact Tracing project.