



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

24th March 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.

The meeting dealt with the following considerations:

- Update on Student Hardship Fund
- Repurposing of existing funding mechanisms to mobilise resources to support students in hardship
- Discussion on new Government restrictions
- Work on student placements for competency based learning outcomes
- Sanctuary students - connectivity and safety
- Business contingency plans across all divisions and faculties
- Assessment of the longer term impacts of this closure and the risks associated with recruitment for next academic year
- English language testing for International students
- Cooperative education placements scheduled for June 2020 and contingency planning
- Dedicated volunteering opportunities
- Liaison with all other Irish Universities to have a sectoral approach to government for additional funding to recover from this crisis – production of a sectoral financial implication report
- HR report on staff work-load and re-allocation of duties considerations
- Consideration of members of staff on sabbatical leave
- Communications to students and staff planned ref: assessments and closure updates
- Report from UHL.