



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

28th April 2020

Standing Items Reviewed:

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 meeting dealt with the following considerations:

- Status update on Agreement document between UL and UHL for the Intermediate Care Facility at the UL Sport Arena.
- HRB and SFI COVID rapid response call submissions
- Status update on Nexus Innovation Centre.
- Discussions between University Registrars via IUA start dates for the upcoming academic year.
- Views on physical requirements of opening the campus in the light of social distancing measures.
- Considerations around safeguarding staff in back to work situation.
- Academic Calendar Modelling 2020/21 discussed, based on two Leaving Certificate Scenarios.
- Space Management Group repurposed to support future planning process for programme delivery.
- Exploration of scenarios for programme delivery.
- Updates from Academic Planning Groups for undergraduate and postgraduate students.
- The Autumn Semester will begin on September 28th for 2nd, 3rd, and 4th year undergraduate students and all current and new postgraduate students, (some programmes, such as education and health will have different programme dates).
- Plans for first year students depend on the scheduling of the Leaving Certificate but if as planned it takes place from the end of July we anticipate welcoming our incoming first year students at the beginning of November.
- At this stage it is hoped that Semester 2 will begin as planned on 25th January 2021 for all students.
- Business Continuity Planning for next Academic Year is underway.
- Multi factor authentication is a key IT Security measure required to improve the IT Security posture of UL.
- Early stages of work on development of policy on return of staff to campus.
- Exploration of alternatives around cost cutting and refreshed look on income this year.
- Return to placement for students of the School of Allied Health due to identified opportunities for safe, constrained placements.
- Review of a dashboard of UL operational measures.